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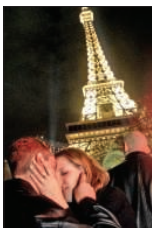
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Robert Blake trial: The prosecution in Robert Blake's murder trial in Los Angeles re-enacted the shooting of the actor's wife to show jurors where the bullets came from and in what position she was seated when they were fired. Deputy District Attorney Shellee Samuels took on the role of Blake's slain wife Friday, sitting in a chair while Rod Englert, a crime reconstructionist, demonstrated how Bonnie Lee Bakley was struck by two bullets. On cross-examination, defense attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach challenged the accuracy of Englert's calculations, pressing him on whether he took into consideration that Bakley's body in the car may have been moved by someone who tried to help her.

Gay marriage in N.Y.: A judge struck down a New York law banning same-sex marriage, saying it violates the state and U.S. constitutions to deny a gay couple a marriage license solely because the two are of the same sex. Friday's ruling, the first of its kind in New York, would clear the way for gay couples to wed if it survives on appeal.

DNC chairman race: Activists Simon Rosenberg and Donnie Fowler abandoned their bids for Democratic National Committee chairman on Friday and backed front-runner Howard Dean, moving the former presidential candidate closer to capturing the party title. Rosenberg's departure from the race leaves a field of two — Dean and former Indiana Rep. Tim Roemer. About 430 voting members of the party's national committee will choose a successor to outgoing DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe on Feb. 12.

Human smuggling trial: A judge in the Houston trial of a New York man accused of driving and abandoning a hot, armed tractor-trailer in the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt agreed Friday to allow two juries in the case.

U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore, in granting the request by defense attorneys for Tyrone Williams, ruled that his trial would begin Monday, but prosecutors planned to appeal her decision, possibly prompting another delay in the case.

Under Gilmore's ruling, one jury would decide whether Williams is guilty or innocent of any of the 58 counts of harboring and transporting illegal immigrants he faces. If Williams were found guilty of any charges that carry a possible death sentence, another jury would be chosen for that decision.

Semester-at-Sea incident: A ship filled with hundreds of college students that was damaged last week by stormy seas will remain in Honolulu Harbor for repairs and inspections until at least Sunday, Jim Lawrence, a spokesman for the ship's technical managers, said Friday.

An assessment by marine technicians showed the Explorer did not suffer structural damage and remains completely seaworthy, said Semester at Sea, the academic program that leases the ship, on its Web site. But the ship's electrical systems still need



Pope health watch: Chief of Vatican security Vatican Camillo Cibin, right, looks on as another security officer talks on his phone Friday on a balcony of the 10th floor of Rome's Policlinic Agostino Gemelli hospital where Pope John Paul II is hospitalized. Giant video screens were ordered to be set up in St. Peter's Square in a hopeful sign that the 84-year-old pontiff would be well enough on Sunday to say a few words to a public.

repairs and some replacement parts have yet to arrive, Lawrence said. A 50-foot wave on Jan. 26 injured two crew members, broke windows and damaged the vessel's controls.

Ex-governor may run again: Former Arizona Gov. Fife Symington, who resigned in 1997 after a bank fraud conviction that was later overturned — and won a pardon in 2001 from President Clinton — said he's considering another run for governor.

The onetime real estate developer and Republican who reinvented himself as a pastry chef when he left office said he began thinking about a challenge after Democratic Gov. Janet Napolitano's State of the State address.

Washington governor's election: A judge allowed a court challenge to Democratic Gov. Christine Gregoire's excruciatingly close election to go forward Friday, but said even if Republicans win, he cannot order a new vote.

"The court doesn't have that authority," said Chelan County Superior Court Judge John E. Bridges, addressing a packed courtroom.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Dino Rossi and the state GOP challenged Gregoire's election, saying the contest was tainted by errors and illegal votes.

Rossi had won the original count by 261 votes and came out ahead by 42 votes in a machine recount. But to his dismay, the third and final count put Gregoire ahead by a mere 129 votes.

World

North Korea nuke talks: The presidents of the United States and South Korea agreed during a phone call Saturday to push for an

early resumption of six-nation talks to end North Korea's nuclear weapons programs.

The communist North remained defiant, describing President Bush's call for the spread of freedom in his Jan. 20 inaugural speech as a U.S. scheme to rule the world.

Gitmo detainee release: The U.S. military has ordered three detainees at the U.S. prison camp in Guantanamo Bay to be freed and 25 others to remain as secret hearings were held into the cases of more terror suspects.

Hearings were held Friday for two detainees before the Administrative Review Boards, which can free prisoners if they determine they no longer pose a threat or hold significant intelligence value.

Madrid bombings investigation: A judge sent two Moroccan brothers to jail Saturday on provisional charges of collaborating with a terrorist group in connection with the deadly Madrid train bombings last year, but ordered their parents freed.

The brothers, Brahim and Mohamed Mousattar, are known to have had regular contacts with their maternal uncle Youssef Belhadj, 28, who authorities believe is an al-Qaida figure mentioned in a video claiming responsibility for the attacks.

Tsunami visit: President Bush on Friday announced he is sending a second delegation to visit the Indian Ocean region ravaged by tsunamis that includes his father and Bill Clinton.

Former Presidents George H.W. Bush and Clinton will visit tsunami-affected countries Feb. 19-21.

The two men are to stop in the hardest-hit nations, including Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

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New budget will shed light on military plan

Big money last year went to long-term projects across Europe

BY CHARLIE COON
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — When President Bush unveils his 2006 budget on Monday, the money he requests for military construction will give clues as to where the U.S. military will be stationed in the future. For example, the big-money projects that were approved for 2005 were for bases that are going to be around for years to come, according to planners at the U.S. European Command.

Two-thirds of the \$396.3 million being spent this year for EUCOM-supervised projects is being spent at RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall in England, at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and at the Army's Grafenwöhr training area, also in Germany.

The money is being spent at places that have "enduring value" for the U.S. military, according to Army Lt. Col. Michael Moon, chief of the infrastructure branch, engineering division, at EUCOM's logistics directorate.

"These are what we call the anchors to 'transformation,'" said Moon, referring to the changes taking place within the four major service branches — Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines — as well as the overall U.S. military.

"It made sense when we built them, and they make sense into the future."

Other U.S. military locations that are getting funds for 2005 construction include the naval bases at Rota, Spain, and Sigonella, Italy, which provide strategically important access to Africa and the Mediterr-

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anean Sea; the air bases at Lajes, the Azores, Portugal, and Aviano, Italy; a Department of Defense Dependents School at Vilseck, Germany, which serves the Grafenwöhr community, the Army Materiel Command in Livorno, Italy, and the U.S.

The Base Realignment and Closure commission is scheduled to meet to map a master plan for stateside bases that could determine where the 1st AD and 1st ID are moved.

Space Command in Thule, Greenland.

Moon warned that other bases would receive money for basic upkeep, especially for housing, but might not be part of EUCOM's long-range plans.

Planning on the transformation of U.S. military forces to better cope with future missions has been going on for several years.

Under military transformation, some large Army groups are expected to move to the United States from their Cold War-era garrisons in Germany and South Korea. In Germany, the Wiesbaden-based 1st Armored Division and Würzburg-based 1st Infantry Division would be moved to the States.

The Base Realignment and Closure commission, a Congressionally appointed group, is scheduled to meet from May to September to map a master plan for stateside bases that could determine where the 1st AD and 1st ID are moved.

Also as part of transformation, the military intends to strengthen key existing bases while also establishing forward-reaching bases in Africa and Eastern Europe.

"We want to be allied with democracies," said Moon, the EUCOM engineer.

In Germany, for example, the Grafenwöhr training site "will be the center of [Army] activity in Europe for the foreseeable future," he said.

In Spain, Naval Station Rota has a port and an airstrip as well as ammunition and petroleum storage all within its sprawling fence-line. The Morón Air Base, also in southwestern Spain, is halfway between the United States' East Coast and U.S. bases in the Middle East and is a perfect stopover for planes flying back and forth.

"Rota and Morón (Air Base) are both critical to the European in-route infrastructure," Moon said. "Both of those bases are staying and both will have continued investment."

The United States also is expected this year to finalize agreements with Bulgaria and Romania that would enable the U.S. military to train in those two Eastern European countries.

Most of the military-spending money that Bush asks for on Monday for the 2006 is expected to be approved by Congress, according to Tom Roberts, EUCOM's legisla-

A look at where the U.S. European Command is spending some of the \$396.3 million from its 2005 Military Construction Budget:

■ **Rota, Spain:** Air Mobility Command, \$43.3 million; U.S. Naval Forces Europe, \$21.7 million

■ **Lajes, Portugal:** Defense Logistics Agency, \$19.1 million; U.S. Air Forces in Europe, \$5.7 million

■ **Livorno, Italy:** Army Materiel Command, \$26 million

■ **Sigonella, Italy:** NAVFAC, \$22.5 million

■ **Aviano, Italy:** U.S. Air Forces in Europe, \$9.2 million

■ **Vilseck, Germany:** Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe, \$9 million

■ **Grafenwöhr, Germany:** DODDS-Europe, \$36.2 million; Tricare, \$13 million; U.S. Army Europe, \$77.2 million

■ **Ramstein, Germany:** USAF, \$83.1 million

■ **Thule, Greenland:** U.S. Space Command, \$19.8 million

■ **RAF Lakenheath-RAF Mildenhall, England:** USAF, \$49.5 million

Source: U.S. European Command

tive affairs specialist.

For the 2005 budget, the president asked for \$427.4 million for EUCOM-supervised projects, but only \$396.3 million ultimately was approved.

"The House of Representatives is expected to approve, but the Senate tends to knock a little bit out [of the president's wish list]," Roberts said. "Then they reach a compromise somewhere between the Senate's and the president's budgets."

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1st ID bases welcome returnees

BY STEVE LEWIER
Stars and Stripes

The trickle of returning Big Red One troops is turning into a flood.

Three U.S. Air Force C-17s ferried home about 300 more troops from Iraq on Friday, said Spc. Rebecca Sharpton, a 1st Infantry Division spokeswoman.

The flights prompted happy homecomings at several 1st ID bases in northern Bavaria decorated with posters and yellow ribbons.

The largest reunions took place in Bamberg, where 100 soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery Regiment and 701st Main Support Battalion arrived in the afternoon; and Kitzingen, which welcomed home nearly 200 troops from the 701st MSB, the Division Support Command, and the 12th Chemical Company.

Nearly 12,000 Big Red One soldiers deployed to

Iraq last February, making up the largest single slice of the Tikrit-based Task Force Danger, which patrolled a large and dangerous area north of Baghdad.

The task force commander, Maj. Gen. John Baptiste, had hoped to send some troops home as early as December when their replacements from the 42nd Infantry Division, 3rd Infantry Division and many National Guard and Reserve units began arriving in the Middle East.

But after an upswing in violence that began in late October, the Pentagon decided to keep all but a few support troops in place for their full tours of 12-13 months through the critical national elections Jan. 30.

With those elections now completed, troops are returning home steadily. Division planners expect at least eight more planeloads of troops in the coming days, and returns will be almost continuous through mid-March.

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Ready with her flag and sign, 4-year-old Alyana Morris waits for her dad, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Morris, on Saturday at the fitness center on Conn Barracks in Schweinfurt, Germany. Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade were returning after a year in Iraq and are among the first Schweinfurt troops to return.



Staff Sgt. Vicente Olmeda-Cruz smiles with arms full as his wife, Karen, and 10-year-old daughter hug him shortly after his return to Schweinfurt. Family and friends got their first view of the troops when they emerged from a cloud of smoke. After a short prayer and welcome ceremony, the troops were dismissed.

Return to combat proves dangerous

1-4 Cav NCO suffers his second near-fatal injury while in Iraq

BY STEVE LIEWER
Stars and Stripes

SCHWEINFURT, Germany — You can't break "the Rock."

That's what the men of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment say about their senior enlisted leader, 1st Sgt. Brent Jurgensen.

The 42-year-old from Clinton, Iowa, nicknamed "the Rock," is in critical condition at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington D.C., mending from his second near-fatal injury in Iraq.

"If there's anyone who's going to recover, it's him," said Staff Sgt. Frank San Nicolas, 34, of Inarajan, Guam, a 1-4 Cavalry trooper who himself returned from Iraq last month with an injury. "There's just no stopping in that man."

Jurgensen suffered an open head wound, a broken arm and badly injured legs Jan. 26 when insurgents in Ad Dulaiyah fired two rocket-propelled grenades at his Humvee. The explosion killed his gunner, Sgt. William Kinzer, and injured two other soldiers riding with him.

Seven months earlier, Jurgensen had been shot in the face during an ambush on a 1-4 Cavalry supply convoy. He endured multiple surgeries on his upper jaw and the soft tissue of his mouth but kept a promise to his troops.

"I spoke to him more than once that he was so lucky, he shouldn't go back," said Staff Sgt. Donald Merritt, 39, of Fort Pierce, Fla., also wounded in Iraq. "He said there was one thing he was going to ask me, that was that being the boys home."

Jurgensen has served 14 years in the Army. After a Pentagon tour as branch manager for all the Army's 19D cavalry scouts he joined 1-4 Cavalry in 2002 and deployed with the unit to Iraq last February.

The soldiers who served with him said he is a quiet man with an unmatched work ethic.

"He's like a machine," said Sgt. Michael Pettit, 26, of Mesa, Ariz., a 1-4 Cavalry trooper who was Jurgensen's driver and assistant for a year. "He runs nonstop. He's at work until 10 o'clock at night, and comes back at 4 o'clock."

His sergeants say Jurgensen runs his unit by the book and strikes fear into any trooper who breaks the rules. He is nicknamed "night court," in which soldiers who com-



RAYMOND L. BAUM JR./Courtesy of the U.S. Army

The personal determination and the dedication to his soldiers makes 1st Sgt. Brent Jurgensen, the rock of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment.

mitted minor infractions had to come before his desk with their platoon sergeants and face his wrath.

"The fear of 'night court' kept a lot of soldiers straight," Merritt said.

But, they said, he's quick to give second chances and will take on anyone to make sure his soldiers are cared for. At Camp MacKenzie and Wilson, the 1-4 Cavalry's two main bases in Iraq, he pushed hard for quality-of-life improvements, such as a movie theater and phone center.

Before leaving Germany last year, Jurgensen pledged to soldiers and their families that he would personally bring his men home from Iraq. He joined them on dozens of patrols before June 18, when a 1-4 Cavalry logistics convoy came under fire.

Instead of racing away, Jurgensen's men got out and fought back. As he lay prone in the firing position, the enemy bullet struck the butt of his rifle and hit him just below the nose. He was sent to Germany for painful surgeries that left his face scarred and forced him to wear dentures.

He returned to Iraq in October, and looked forward to bringing his squad home in late February or early March.

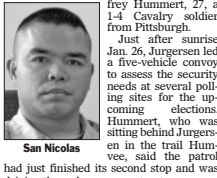
"I was happy to have him back, because he was someone I knew would watch my back," said Staff Sgt. Jeff Hummert, 27, a 1-4 Cavalry soldier from Pittsburgh.

Just after sunrise Jan. 26, Jurgensen led a five-vehicle convoy to assess the security needs at several polling sites for the upcoming elections.

Hummert, who was sitting behind Jurgensen in the trail Humvee, said the patrol had just finished its second stop and was driving through a narrow street.

"The first indication of trouble was a loud bang, and then a blinding white light," Hummert said.

He later learned several men had fired two



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Special to Stars and Stripes

First Sgt. Brent Jurgensen plants a flag last November at Forward Operating Base MacKenzie, Iraq, at a memorial wall for 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment soldiers killed in action. Jurgensen was shot in the face and seriously wounded in an ambush in June 2004, but returned to duty four months later. Then Jan. 26, just a month before his unit returned Germany, he lost a leg and suffered serious head wounds in a grenade attack.

RPGs at the passenger side of the vehicle from point-blank range. One exploded inside the Humvee, leaving behind a scene too awful for Hummert to describe.

The driver, a medic, quickly bandaged Jurgensen's gaping head wounds and mangled left leg while Hummert, who suffered shrapnel wounds to the arm and leg, called for help to tow the disabled vehicle out of harm's way.

Within minutes, Hummert said, a helicopter landed nearby and whisked him and Jurgensen to a hospital. By the end of the day, they'd flown to Germany for treatment.

Doctors put Jurgensen in a drug-induced coma and amputated his damaged left leg below the knee.

Stunned members of the squadron's rear detachment visited him in the hospital. Despite his coma, Merritt said, Jurgensen perked up when his men came in.

"When the soldiers began to talk, he'd open his eyes. He'd try to get up," Merritt said.

said.

With his wife, Karin, beside him, Jurgensen was flown to Walter Reed. Pettit said his condition has improved. He awoke from the coma a few days ago. Despite his head injuries, he doesn't appear to have brain damage.

His troops believe that, having survived one life-threatening wound, Jurgensen will bounce back from this one as well.

"I don't see it stopping him," Hummert said. "I see him getting a prosthetic limb, pushing himself, and getting back here to his soldiers."

Jurgensen has the prayers of his squadron to boost him, and strength his friends say is uncommon even by Army standards.

"He's the toughest man I've ever met," Merritt said.

Like a rock.

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Navy Europe names sailor of the year

BY SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

SIGONELLA, Sicily — Petty Officer 1st Class Christopher Anton, 29, was named Tuesday as the Commander-Naval Forces Europe sailor of the year, an achievement that will have him competing against 25 other sailors in the next round of competition.

His said he believes his desire to "exceed what I've already achieved" earned him the distinction.



Anton

"It's about consistency and commitment, both to myself and the Navy," said the aviation systems warfare operator. "I come to work every day trying to do better than the day before."

In nominating Anton for the post, Senior Chief Petty Officer Mark Flores

said his leading petty officer "is hands down the top sailor."

"I nominated him for his leadership abilities and his ability to work for his people," Flores said. "It's all about his people for him. He puts his folks first. Their problems are his. ... If you're going to strap a saddle on people and ride 'em, you better put them first. He does."

Anton now will compete against 25 other sailors for the title of sailor of the year Commander-U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

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Army orders more Humvees

FAIRFIELD, Ohio — The Army's top general said Friday that production of armored Humvees for soldiers fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan may be stepped up beyond the current accelerated rate.

Gen. Peter Schoomaker, Army chief of staff, toured the O'Gara-Hess & Eisenhardt plant in this southwest Ohio city, where the Humvees are armored.

The plant was producing 450 vehicles a month in December, when the Army asked the company to accelerate production.

The Army has ordered 8,105 of the armored Humvees. Schoomaker declined to say how many of them will ultimately be needed.

From The Associated Press

GNN: Pretending to be the media for troops

Hohenfels Combat Maneuver Training Center shows soldiers how to interact with journalists

BY BEN MURRAY

Stars and Stripes

HOFENFELS, Germany — Whenever Americans dressed as Kosovo citizens stage a mock riot in a fake town in southeast Germany, Global News Network is there to pretend to cover the story.

If "Iraqi" rebels attack a U.S. military patrol in a snowy village in Bavaria, GNN turns out live updates, broadcast to no one.

Dud bombs, scripted rescues, soldiers firing blanks: This is GNN.

For the resident news crew of the Hohenfels Combat Maneuver Training Center, the task of playing the role of the U.S. media in reality-based training scenarios is pretty simple: The reporters know everything that's going to happen three days ahead of time.

But to perform their function as Hohenfels' tool to tutor soldiers on how to interact with civilian media while on a mission, the eight-person news team strives to be just like a network news team.

"The biggest concern with us is realism," said GNN team leader Capt. Scott Rawlinson.

When training rotations are in full swing at the center, members of the Vipers — visual information personnel — team dress in ci-



Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Global News Network reporters Spc. Tasha Woodson, left, and Spc. Allaina Parton of the 7th Army Training Command's Vipers team, grill a soldier at the Hohenfels Combat Maneuver Training Center last week, where members of the 40th Infantry Division were training for an upcoming mission in Kosovo.

vilian clothes, pick up real, broadcast-quality cameras and microphones and go to the scene of the day's events to interview soldiers and collect video footage.

When they get back to their studio, the team has just four hours to put together a one-minute news package of the day's story, plus a radio broadcast of the same event, Rawlinson said.

Though the news is never broadcast outside the Hohenfels

training staff, the short stories are used in the reviews of the training rotations to let commanders see how troops interacted with the media, and how the unit's actions were depicted in "the news," Rawlinson said.

"It's a valuable tool to teach [troops] how to handle and conduct themselves," said Maj. Michael Wynn, commander of the 135th Public Affairs Detachment, who just spent a week field-

ing questions from GNN while in training for a mission to Kosovo.

Sgt. Brian Vorhees, who has been with the faux news network since it began operations two years ago, said crew members also try to replicate the attitude of typical American journalists by being persistent, but not acting overly aggressive or antagonistic.

"We try not to be hostile, but we're there to get the story," he said.

In that respect, the GNN reporters aren't shy about getting close to what can be, even in the training scenarios, events that become borderline violent.

"We're pretty hard core about it, we try to get right in the middle of it," said GNN crewmember Spc. Aaron Vascimini.

Vascimini recounted a recent incident in which he got caught in a mock uprising of Greek civilians played by members of Hohenfels' resident opposition force, the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, while he was holding a \$15,000 camera. The crowd tried to break through a line of riot police.

"They were actually getting violent trying to push through the shields," he said. "I'm just right in the middle like, 'Oh my god.' It was like something out of [the film] 'Braveheart.'"

Sometimes, Vorhees said, the reporters are forced to cover their own deaths. "Killed" in the crossfire, caught in a bombing or, at least on one occasion, done in by a chemical attack, GNN journalists occasionally become battlefield casualties.

But that doesn't let them off the hook, Vorhees said — the reporters still have only four hours to report on circumstances of their own demise.

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Mohamad Hassoun, older brother of U.S. Marine Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun, speaks to the media July 8 at the Hassoun home in Utah.

AWOL Marine's brother claims anti-Muslim bias

By MARK THIESSEN
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Anti-Muslim bias prompted military officials to treat an AWOL Marine charged with desertion more harshly than others, the man's brother said in an interview with The Associated Press.

The pressure of the charge filed against Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun, coupled with an argument with his newlywed wife the day he was to return to his base, drove Hassoun to flee, said his brother, Mohamed.

Neither Mohamed Hassoun nor military officials know where to find the younger Hassoun, a Lebanese-born, naturalized American citizen. He failed to return to Camp Lejeune, N.C., on Jan. 5 — the second time the Marines have deemed him a deserter.

"Instead of them giving him medals and making him feel good about his service and what he was doing for his country, they gave him an Article 32," Hassoun said of the military court proceedings that are on hold against his brother until he is found.

Mohamad Hassoun believes his brother's claim that he was kidnapped in Iraq last summer and held against his will before being released. Hassoun said the military charges are built on hearsay.

He said thousands of deserters have gone AWOL, but haven't shown up on the Naval Criminal Investigative Services' most wanted list like his brother.

All five people currently being sought by the military and featured on the NCIS Web site are charged with desertion.

Maj. Matt Morgan, a spokesman for the Camp Lejeune-based 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, denied that Hassoun was treated differently because of bias and said any action being taken against Hassoun is based on evidence, not religion.

Mohamad Hassoun declined to say whether he has spoken to his brother after the 25-year-old soldier failed to return to Camp Lejeune early last month after an authorized leave. He would only confirm that he spoke to Wassef Hassoun Dec. 29, when the Marine called from the Washington airport.

AWOL may seek to dismiss suit over policy on gays

Former servicemembers seek to rejoin military after being discharged under 'don't ask, don't tell' policy

By CHARLIE COON
Stars and Stripes

The Department of Defense is expected Monday to ask for dismissal of a lawsuit filed by 12 former servicemembers seeking to rejoin the

military after being discharged under the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy. The former military members filed the suit in December in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, saying that the "don't ask, don't tell" policy is unconstitutional.

Derek Sparks, a former Navy petty officer first class, is one of the plaintiffs. Sparks is joined in the Massachusetts lawsuit by one former sailor, five former soldiers, four former airmen and one ex-Coast Guardswoman.

Among them is Stacy Vasquez, a former Army sergeant first class, who was discharged in August 2003. Vasquez said that a spouse of one of her co-workers claimed she saw Vasquez kissing another woman at a nightclub. Vasquez said her commander asked her to write a statement saying she was a lesbian.

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The other lawsuit challenging the policy's constitutionality was filed in October by Log Cabin Republicans, a GOP gay-advocacy group, in U.S. District Court, Central District of California, Western Division. The Pentagon has asked that suit be dismissed because no plaintiffs were named in the suit — only the Log Cabin organization — and because previ-

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Richard, the Pentagon spokesman, said that the military is simply upholding the law when it discharges servicemembers for acknowledging their homosexuality.

"No one is being dismissed out of the military," Richard said. "Our ... policy is very clear. We don't hunt down anyone. If they declare their sexual preference, then we have no choice. That's a choice they make if they declare [their] sexual preference."

Sparks served aboard the USS Sacramento during Operation Enduring Freedom.

While aboard the USS Bridge, a master chief alleged that while spying through a peephole he saw Sparks and two other sailors committing homosexual acts. Sparks and the sailors repeatedly denied the allegations, but Sparks said he felt pressured by his command to admit his sexuality.

"A couple days [after the allegation], after I mullied it over in my mind, I got tired of lying and tired of hiding it," Sparks said. "So, eventually I wrote a statement of my sexuality."

He was given a general discharge in April 2003.

"Don't ask, don't tell" started out as a 1992 campaign promise by presidential candidate Bill Clinton, who wanted homosexuals to be able to serve in the military without having to hide their sexual preference. The Pentagon had previously barred homosexuals from serving in the military.

Before it passed, the law was molded into its current state.

"The [law] started out with good intentions," said Alexander, the Pentagon spokesman. "But it left us in a terrible mess."

According to a study by the Urban Institute, based on the 2000 census, there are currently about 65,000 active-duty servicemembers and reservists who are gay, or about 2.8 percent of all military personnel.

Alexander said the law, which has caused more than 10,000 gays to leave the military, can only be changed by Congress or if a court finds it unconstitutional.

According to Richard, the Defense department believes that "don't ask, don't tell" is good for military readiness and discipline. "We have made a determination that there are no circumstances that would require us to review, and there is no effort currently under way, to revisit 'don't ask, don't tell,'" Richard said.

original rationale behind the policy: "Living conditions especially in combat operations are often Spartan, primitive and characterized by forced intimacy with little or no privacy, thereby creating an environment that is cohesion-busting."

Alexander, the attorney, put it another way: "The presumption is that straight people can't deal with gay folks around them in the military."

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Fox to air live feeds of troops during Super Bowl

LANDSTUHL, Germany — If soldiers think they see a familiar face on their television while watching the Super Bowl on Sunday, they may be right.

Fox will air live feeds from overseas U.S. military installations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Israel and Germany during the game. It plans to broadcast at least one spot from each country, according to the network.

To prepare for their few minutes of fame, staff members at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center organized a Super Bowl party complete with a buffet and Playstation tournament for patients and soldiers serving at the hospital. The hospital staff also recorded a promotional video with interviews from a physician and a nurse that is scheduled to air on Fox before the game begins.

La Fiesta restaurant debuts at Aviano

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — La Bella Vista, Aviano's base club, took on a southwest flavor Friday night with the debut of the La Fiesta restaurant.

The club will offer a Tex-Mex menu on selected nights, with an array of appetizers, entrees and desserts.

Club manager Christina Churchill said the club will not offer its normal fare when La Fiesta is open. And reservations are a must. "We are completely booked up for this weekend," she said.

For reservations or more information, call DSN 632-4303 or commercial 9434-30-4303.

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Bush to seek \$419.3B for '06 defense budget

BY LIZ SIDOTI

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush will ask Congress for \$419.3 billion for the Pentagon for next year, 4.8 percent more than this year's spending, as the administration seeks to keep up and reshape the Army and Marine Corps for fighting terrorism.

The request will not include money for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Congress already has appropriated \$25 billion for those wars this year, and the White House is planning to request another \$80 billion soon.

The president plans to roll out his military spending proposal Monday as part of a roughly \$2.5 trillion federal budget. But documents obtained by The Associated Press on Friday show that he will request \$19.2 billion more for the Defense Department than its \$400.1 billion budget this year.

The proposal will include restructuring and expanding the Army and adding combat and support units for the Marine Corps. It reflects Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's efforts to transform the Cold War-style military into one that's more rapidly deployable to fight terrorist groups.

The plan calls for special operations forces, which the documents described as "critical to the fight against terrorism," to add 1,200 troops. The forces would get \$50 million to keep people from leaving the services.

The president also wants Congress to let him spend \$750 million as he chooses to help Iraq, Afghanistan and U.S. allies opposing terrorism bolster their military and security forces. In the past, lawmakers have been reluctant to give Bush unfettered control of such funds but have generally complied.

On Thursday, Missouri Rep. Ike Skelton — ranking Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee

— said in a statement that he worried that the president's budget request, which he anticipated would be billions less than the Pentagon had predicted needing, "may weaken our efforts" in Iraq and Afghanistan "while undermining our ability to prepare for future conflicts."

Overall, the president's proposal calls for the Navy, Marines and Air Force to all receive extra funds next year, but the Army's budget would take a \$300 million reduction to \$100 billion even though it's bearing the brunt of the costs and fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. However, the \$80 billion Bush plans to request in the coming days for Iraq and Afghanistan is expected to be tilted heavily toward the Army.

Bush plans to propose \$1.6 billion to fight chemical and biological threats next year and \$9.9 billion over the next five years. And, he would allocate \$9.5 billion for homeland security activities next year and \$147.8 billion for training, maintenance and other "readiness" programs.

The president, according to the documents, will seek \$8.8 billion for his missile defense program, compared with \$9.9 billion this year. The documents also showed that he would ask for \$695.7 million for the Chinook helicopter for next year, compared with \$689.8 million for this year. And, the B-2 stealth bomber would get \$344.3 million, down from \$365 million this year.

More than half the total defense increase — \$10.8 billion — would be for training, maintenance and other costs associated with keeping the military ready for action. Most of the rest would go for military salaries and construction of bases and housing.

The proposal calls for increasing military base salaries by 3.1 percent and civilian salaries by 2.3 percent. It also calls for giving troops more money for housing and giving reservists better health care coverage and additional education benefits.

Alan Fram of The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Military-sponsored Web site investigated by DOD

BY ROBERT BURNS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon's chief investigator is looking into the military's practice of paying journalists to write articles and commentary for a Web site aimed at influencing public opinion in the Balkans.

At the request of Larry Di Rita, chief spokesman for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, the Pentagon's inspector general, Joseph Schmitz, is reviewing that case and also looking more broadly at Pentagon activities that might involve inappropriate payments to journalists.

Di Rita said Friday that he had no reason to believe there have been any inappropriate activities but wanted a comprehensive review to "help ensure our processes are sufficiently sensitive to this matter." He stressed that the Web projects are done in close coordination with the State Department.

The Balkans Web site, called Southeast European Times, as well as a second aimed at audiences in north Africa, have no immediately obvious connection to the U.S. government but

contain a linked disclaimer that says they are "sponsored by the U.S. European Command."

The second site, called Maghreb24 and aimed at the Maghreb region that encompasses Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia, still is in development and has not reached the stage of having paid correspondents, said Air Force Lt. Col. Derek Kaufman, a European Command spokesman.

Both sites carry news stories compiled from The Associated Press, Reuters and other news organizations. The Pentagon's role in these Web sites was first reported by CNN on Thursday.

The Balkans Web site also has articles and commentary by about 50 journalists who Kaufman said are paid by European Command through a private contractor, Anteon Corp., an information technology company based in Fairfax, Va.

The Web sites are examples of what the military calls "information operations," or programs designed to influence public opinion by countering what the Pentagon considers to be misinformation or lies that circulate in the international news media.

Wounded warriors make way on slopes

BY MICHAEL HILL

The Associated Press

WINDHAM, N.Y. — Sgt. Andrew Butterworth was up on skis for the first time since losing a leg in Iraq. And almost just as quickly, he was down.

"You still want to go?" his instructor asked, helping the 25-year-old National Guardsman from Durham, N.C., out of the snow after he lost his balance.

"You bet!" Butterworth replied, rejoining nine other soldiers making their way down the beginners' hill Friday at Windham Mountain in the Catskills.

The men, most of whom lost legs in Iraq or Afghanistan, are getting a three-day free pass to ski and stay in the Catskills under a program that's part rehab, part "thank you" and part R&R.

"We don't quit," said 1st Lt. Jeffrey Adams, who lost his left leg. "If we quit, we'd be in the hospital crying, and that's kind of useless."

The soldiers came up from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, many of them healing from grenade attacks or roadside bomb explosions. A local chapter of Disabled Sports USA, the Adaptive Sports Foundation, helped raise \$16,000 to cover the soldiers' flight, food and lodging.

Most of the men are in their 20s. Some had skied before their injuries. Others, like Baton Rouge, La. native Adams, hit the slopes for the first time.

"A one-legged guy from Louisiana trying to ski," he said. "It's



Army 1st Lt. Jeffrey Adams, right, of Baton Rouge, La., gets guidance from instructor Mark Fitzpatrick as he learns to ski with outriggers Friday in Windham, N.Y. Adams lost his right leg in Iraq.

going to be fun."

Most of the soldiers have been wounded within the past year, which adds to the challenge of skiing, said ASP executive director Cherisse Young.

"You're also going to deal with

more of the emotional issues as well ... depression, the 'Why me?' scenario. 'I can't do what I used to do,' that kind of stuff," Young said. "Really, what our program does is show them that they can still do it."

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U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, at least 1,445 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,105 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is three higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Friday.

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 20; Poland, 16; Ukraine, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,307 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 996 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A soldier was killed Thursday by a roadside bomb while on patrol south of Mosul, Iraq.

■ A soldier was killed Friday by an explosive near Beiji, Iraq.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Army Sgt. 1st Class Sean M. Cooley, 35, Ocean Springs, Miss., killed by an explosive Thursday in Iraq's northern Babil province; assigned to the 150th Engineer Battalion, 155th Armor Brigade, Lucedale, Miss.

■ Army Sgt. Stephen R. Sherman, 27, Neptune, N.J.; died Thursday in Mosul, Iraq, after an explosive detonated near his vehicle; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Sean P. Maher, 19, Graylake, Ill., killed Wednesday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

■ Army Spc. Robert T. Hendrickson, 24, Broken Bow, Okla., died Tuesday in Basra, Iraq, after his vehicle overturned; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

■ Army Sgt. 1st Class Mark O'Neil, 44, La Grande, Ore., died Monday of noncombat injuries at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq; assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 116th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 116th Brigade Combat Team, LaGrande, Ore.



Left: An Iraqi soldier weeps at the scene of a roadside bomb Saturday, which exploded beside an Iraqi patrol killing four Iraqi National Guardsmen in Basra. **Right:** Farid Ayar, spokesman for the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq, speaks at a press conference in Baghdad. **Early figures released from 10 mostly Shiite provinces showed the Shiite ticket endorsed by the Shiite clergy with about two-thirds of the votes. The ticket of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite, was trailing at about 18 percent.**



AP photos

21 Iraqis, 2 GIs killed in attacks

Shiite Alliance maintains lead; Some Sunnis want government role

BY JASON KEYSER
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents launched fresh attacks with bombs and bullets, killing 21 Iraqis and two U.S. soldiers, as the Shiite-led alliance that has rolled up a big lead in Iraq's elections said it wants to name the prime minister post in the upcoming government.

The demands from the United Iraqi Alliance could spell trouble for Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite with U.S. backing whose ticket is running second. Allawi had been seen as a possible compromise candidate if the Shiites and their allies don't win two-thirds of the 275 National Assembly seats.

"The Alliance would like to get either the position of the president or the prime minister and it prefers that it be that of the prime minister," said Redha Taqi, a top official in one of the coalition factions.

Partial results have shown the Alliance, which has links to Iran and is endorsed by powerful cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, with two-thirds of the 3.3 million votes counted so far in the race for the National Assembly.

The list headed by the U.S.-backed Allawi had about 579,700 votes, or 18 percent.



Allawi

The returns, released Friday are only a partial count from 10 southern provinces in Iraq's Shiite heartland. But if the Alliance amasses a large vote count in the south, Allawi will have a tough time making up the difference.

Results from much of Baghdad, the Sunni Arab provinces of north-central Iraq and the Kurdish provinces in the north have yet to emerge.

The Iraqi election commission released no new election returns Saturday, but predicted it would announce final vote totals by Thursday.

Kurdish leader Jalal Talabani has announced his candidacy for the largely ceremonial presidency. The Kurds are expected to win a sizable bloc of assembly seats and could form an alliance with the Shiites. Both groups suffered under Saddam Hussein.

A collection of Sunni Arab parties that refused to participate in the election said Saturday they want to participate in the drafting of a permanent constitution — part of an effort led by Sunni elder statesman Adnan Pachachi to ensure the community is included in the key next step after the vote.

"The representatives of these political bodies said they did not participate in the elections have decided in principle to take part in the writing of the permanent constitution in a suitable way," a statement from the group said.

The groups were mainly small movements and it's not clear how representative they are. In the latest violence, four Iraqi National Guardsmen died in a roadside bombing early

Saturday in Basra, Iraq's second largest city, while gunmen overran a police station in the northern city of Mosul, killing five officers, police officials said.

Gunmen assassinated a member of the Baghdad city council, Abbas Hasan Waheed, and a member of Iraq's intelligence service in two separate drive-by shootings.

Two Iraqi troops died from a blast that hit a patrol in the central city of Samarra, and three Iraqi National Guard soldiers were also killed in clashes west of Mosul, in the city of Tal Afar, on Friday night, hospital officials said.

The two American soldiers from Task Force Danger were killed in a roadside bombing Friday night near Beiji, 155 miles north of Baghdad, the U.S. military said Saturday. The military had said a second roadside blast in the same area killed two more American soldiers, but later said that report was wrong.

West of the capital, a U.S. convoy in the insurgent stronghold of Ramadi was rocked by a roadside bomb that killed two Iraqi bystanders, a hospital official said. It wasn't clear if there were any American casualties.

The brother of the police chief for Mosul and the surrounding Nineveh province was kidnapped Saturday, police officials said.

The kidnapping came three days after the chief, Gen. Mohammed Ahmed al-Jabouri, had threatened to destroy rebel sanctuaries if insurgents did not surrender their weapons within two weeks.

Militant Web posting claims 7 Iraqi Guardsmen killed

The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates

— An Iraqi militant group claimed in a Web site posting Saturday to have killed seven members of the Iraqi National Guard, and video footage posted with the claim appeared to show seven people being shot repeatedly in their heads and upper bodies.

In the statement posted on its Web site, the Ansar al-Sunnah Army claimed it killed the seven "apostates" after they were cap-

tured in the Baghdad suburb of Abu Ghraib.

Insurgents ambushed a police convoy Thursday in Abu Ghraib, west of Baghdad, killing one policeman and wounding five.

Officials said at the time that about 50 policemen were in the convoy and that a number of them were missing after the ambush.

The convoy was traveling to Diwaniyah south of Baghdad.

The Ansar al-Sunnah Army has claimed responsibility for several attacks and kidnappings. But it was not possible to determine if the latest claim was authentic.

The Web site carried a video showing a total of seven men, in two separate groups, identifying themselves as members of the Iraqi military.

Another poor-quality video clip followed, appearing to show seven people, blindfolded and sitting and lying on the ground, and then being shot repeatedly.

Two men, their faces digitally

blurred, appeared to carry out the killings.

Some of the victims were wearing what looked like military-style T-shirts, and some wore light civilian-style jackets.

In the video, one of the men later shot said, "The mujahideen attacked us and I threw away my weapon and tried to run away."

The Ansar al-Sunnah Army, one of the most active insurgent groups in Iraq, has previously claimed responsibility for numerous kidnappings and attacks.

Smile and say 'Spiderhole'



JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

Spc. Shane Krebs of Company B, 1st Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment, sits in the copula of his Humvee under the watchful eye of "Smiley" Hussein at Camp Justice on Saturday in northern Baghdad. The mural was originally of another Hussein — former President Saddam Hussein — and after his fall some unknown soldiers added the smiley face over Saddam's. The nearby entrance to the base is now known as the Smiley Gate.

Big shoes to fill

Troop replacements joining units in Iraq find there's a lot to learn

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO

Stars and Stripes

RAMADI, Iraq — You can tell them apart by their crisp new uniforms, untouched by wrinkles or desert sand, and by the way they sit quietly to the side while other soldiers trade war stories and tales of friends wounded or killed.

They are the replacements: soldiers brought in to supplement the ranks as U.S. units in Iraq lose troops in battle, to illness or for administrative reasons.

In soldier parlance, they are "turtles" — a Vietnam-era nickname derived from their supposedly slow arrival in theater — or "FNGs," a slightly more colorful reference to their "[expletive] New Guy" status.

The replacement system is a practice as old as combat, and as the U.S. mission in Iraq begins its third full year amid a continuing insurgency, it is a more common occurrence for units throughout the country.

Second Lt. John Sommervold, a 24-year-old from Rapid City, S.D., arrived in Iraq early on the morning of Feb. 2. Until then, he had been with the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division's rear detachment in Fort Carson, Colo.

The 2nd Brigade, which deployed 3,500 soldiers from South Korea to Iraq last fall, will head to Carson when its year tour in Iraq is over. Because of that, much of the brigade's administrative work takes place in Colorado; it is also where their replacements are selected.

Sommervold was fresh out of school, originally bound for a platoon command slot with the 4th Infantry Division. Instead, he was assigned as a replacement public affairs officer with 2nd Brigade in Iraq. When he arrived at Camp Ramadi, he was shifted again and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry.

Over the coming weeks, he will try to integrate into his new unit.

"My mind-set is that I'll be trying not to do something stupid to get myself killed," Sommervold said of his first weeks in country.

"You listen to the other officers and [noncommissioned officers] and get their advice and some of the lessons they've learned."

He won't have the benefit of the five months of combat experience the rest of the battalion has had in one of Iraq's more dangerous assignments.

"It's definitely harder coming in this way," he said.

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Troops: Late arrivals try to adjust

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Personnel officials with the 2nd Brigade have worked for months to prepare their replacement packages, the first of which they received in late January. Since their deployment began in September, the brigade has suffered at least 40 deaths and many more injuries.

"We know that there are always going to be losses, so we were already preparing for replacements" within the first 90 days of the brigade's arrival in Iraq, said Sgt. 1st Class Hugh Bent, of the personnel staff.

"The losses have varied: it's medics, mechanics, supply guys. You have to tailor the people coming in base off that."

The replacement system is no longer a one-to-one proposition. With the shortage of ground combat troops and the different tactics of a guerrilla campaign, every military occupation specialty is in demand.

"Under normal circumstances, previous to the war on terror, it was one-to-one," said Maj. Tom Huse. "Here that isn't the case because MOS doesn't matter. Everyone's an infantryman first, so everyone is subject to becoming a casualty."

For 2nd Brigade, the replacements are trained at Fort Carson and wait there before being selected for duty in Iraq. During the wait, they go through a 30-day course on weapons, rules of en-

gagement and cultural awareness, said Sgt. 1st Class Yvette Morrison, who traveled to Kuwait last month to receive and escort the brigade's first group of replacements.

Other units in the Army put similar courses into place. The Germany-based 1st Armored Division had a nine-day course called Individual Replacement Training.

The goal, Morrison said, is to make sure soldiers are "combat ca-

pable" before they are sent to their new units. If a combatant commander feels the soldier isn't ready when he arrives, the soldier will not be sent into combat, she said.

The biggest lesson: "Stay alert, stay alive," Morrison said.

Much of the time is spent on rumor control and trying to reassure the new soldiers they had been welcomed into their new unit. Some have even met the soldiers

they are replacing while the wounded soldiers convalesce at Fort Carson.

Still, some of the replacements worry about fitting in when they arrive.

"I know it's going to be hard. How do you just step into some guy's boots who was under fire with these guys and had been here since the beginning?" asked one of the 28 replacements who arrived at the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry

in downtown Ramadi last week.

The 503rd has taken the heaviest losses in the brigade; their area of operations puts them in almost daily urban combat with insurgents in the city.

"These guys have gone through hell together already. I don't want to be the new guy who everyone teases. I know I'm going to have to prove myself, and I hope I can do that."

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Former Abu Ghraib guard gets 6 months

The Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — Sgt. Javal Davis doesn't have to serve much prison time for abusing detainees at Abu Ghraib in late 2003, but once his incarceration is over, so is his prized career as a soldier.

A nine-man Army jury on Friday sentenced Davis to six months in a military prison, reduction in rank to private and a bad-conduct discharge.

The jurors deliberated more than five hours to arrive at their punishment for Davis, a former Abu Ghraib guard who admitted stepping on the hands and feet of handcuffed detainees and falling with his full weight on top of them.

Davis has already been credited with a month served, and his prison term could be reduced another three weeks for good conduct behind bars, said Capt. Chuck Neill, a spokesman for prosecutors.

The sentence is among the lightest for any soldier convicted in the Abu Ghraib scandal.



Davis

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Smoke over Baghdad

A U.S. military helicopter hovers over the scene of a mortar attack near the airport on Baghdad's western outskirts Saturday.

AP



U.S.: G-7 must cut off funds to terror

BY ED JOHNSON
The Associated Press

LONDON — The international community must step up the financial war on terrorism and choke off funding for extremist groups, Treasury Undersecretary John Taylor has told a gathering of finance ministers in London.

Taylor, who is attending a summit of the world's seven wealthiest nations, said the money channeled to terrorist organizations such as al-Qaida and Hamas must be cut off.

"By breaking the financial backbone of terrorist groups and insurgents, we can encounter and thwart their short-term ambitions while rupturing and dismantling their long-term agendas," Taylor said in a dinner address Friday evening. "Choking off funds that aid terrorist efforts can lead to the ultimate ruin of terrorist organizations."

The United States has stepped up action against foreign financial institutions it suspects of money laundering and using powers under the 2001 U.S. Patriot Act has cut them off from the U.S. financial system.

According to a text of his speech released by his office, Taylor called on other countries to adopt such measures.

"Though we have found this tool to be highly effective, it would clearly be most effective if employed multilaterally," said Taylor, who is attending the G-7 gathering in place of U.S. Treasury Secretary John Snow, who has a cold.

"The United States believes we should apply these lessons and deploy the full array of financial tools at our disposal to attack the financial underpinnings of all illicit activity, including organized crime, kleptocracy, narcotics trafficking and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction," he said.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, more than \$140 million in financial assets belonging to suspected terrorist financiers has been frozen worldwide, the Treasury Department has said.

The Patriot Act, passed after the attacks, broadened the government's powers to go after money launderers and terror financiers. But critics of the sweeping anti-terrorism law contend that it gives too much power to the government and the Bush administration must lobby Congress this year to reauthorize the legislation.

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IN THE WORLD



Turkish demonstrators chant anti-American slogans during a protest outside of the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, Turkey, on Saturday, hours before the arrival of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Rice hopes Turkey trip heals ties

BY ANNE GEARAN

The Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrived in the Turkish capital Saturday for a trip aimed at improving relations with this NATO ally, where anti-American sentiment has been strong since the start of the war in neighboring Iraq. Rice's two-day visit is part of a tour of Europe and the Middle East, her first since becoming the top American diplomat.

Earlier Saturday, during a visit to Poland, she said European allies expressed their readiness to mend ties frayed by differences with the United States over the war in Iraq.

"I think what we're hearing from Europe is a desire to move on to the next chapter in this great alliance," she said following a meeting with Polish Foreign Minister Adam Rotfeld.

Rice thanked Poland, a durable ally in Iraq, for placing troops in Iraq early and keeping them there. Standing with the prime minister, Marek Belka, she made a special point to express her condolences for the loss of Polish life in Iraq.

"That effort on the behalf of democracy and freedom is much appreciated," Rice said.

Upon arriving in Ankara, Rice went straight into a meeting with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Rice's visit comes amid tensions with Turkey, which is terrified that the war in Iraq could lead to the disintegration of the neighboring country and the creation of a Kurdish state in the northern areas.

That could embolden Kurds in southeastern Tur-

key, where the Turkish army has been battling Kurdish rebels since 1984, a fight that has left 37,000 dead. Talk of possible sanctions or action against Iran are further stoking Turkish fears of regional instability and Turkish leaders have repeatedly hinted that they feel their concerns are being ignored in Washington.

Protesters held a number of small demonstrations criticizing Rice and U.S. policy in Iraq throughout the country Saturday, including one attended by dozens of leftists outside the U.S. Embassy in Ankara.

Rice also planned to meet with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov to plan ahead for a September summit with President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Russia also was critical of U.S. policies in Iraq. But Rice, an academic specialist on the former Soviet Union and a Russian speaker, said the United States has "productive" relations with Russia that will "deepen and broaden, particularly if democratic values can find a way to take hold in Russia."

Rice, who stopped in Britain and Germany on Friday, heads to Israel on Sunday. She later heads back to Europe, and plans to give a speech in Paris, a venue chosen in part to answer continued French criticism of American foreign policy.

Associated Press writer Louis Meisler contributed to this report from Ankara, Turkey.



Rice

Oil-for-food problems

LONDON — Boutros Boutros-Ghali, former U.N. Secretary-General, said Saturday that he regrets the mismanagement of the Iraqi oil-for-food program, but insisted his successor, Kofi Annan, must share the blame.

Boutros-Ghali headed the U.N. in the years leading up to the program's inception in 1996 and played a crucial role in founding it.

"I share the responsibility, but don't twist the whole operation," Boutros-Ghali told British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

Kuwait terror arrests

SULABIYAH, Kuwait — Five suspected terrorists held up at a house in Kuwait surrendered to

police Saturday after authorities sealed off the area, Kuwait Television reported.

Kuwait Television quoted an Interior Ministry statement as saying the five were two Saudi Arabians and three Jordanians wanted by authorities.

Attacks in Acapulco

ACAPULCO, Mexico — An unknown number of assailants staged three almost simultaneous, gun-style attacks in Acapulco on Saturday, killing four people a day before a key tri-state gubernatorial election.

It was not clear who carried out the attacks, but Acapulco had been a center of operation for the rebel group in years past.

From The Associated Press

Afghan airplane wreckage found

Survivors unlikely, officials say; six Americans believed on board

BY EMILIO MORENATTI

The Associated Press

CHENARLI, Afghanistan — NATO helicopter gunships found the wreckage of a missing Afghan airliner on a frigid mountain east of the capital Saturday, and officials said they didn't believe any of the 104 people aboard could have survived the crash.

Six Americans were believed to have been on board, the U.S. Embassy in Kabul said, doubling the number reported so far.

Afghan police struggled through deep snow to within sight of the scattered debris, but reported no sign of life beyond scavenging animals and birds and were forced back by darkness and plummeting temperatures.

"So far we don't think there are any survivors," said Lutfullah Mashal, a spokesman for the Afghan Ministry of Interior.

"The plane is completely destroyed."

The Kam Air Boeing 737-200 vanished from radar screens on Thursday afternoon as it approached Kabul airport in a snowstorm, sparking a massive search operation for the 96 passengers and eight crew, at least 24 of them foreigners.

If all are confirmed dead, it would be this war-wracked nation's deadliest air disaster.

Officials said there was no indication that the scheduled flight, which was arriving from the western Afghan city of Herat, was hijacked or bombed.

Afghan Transport Minister Enayattullah Qasemi said the cause of the crash remained a mys-

tery and said U.S. Department of Transportation experts as well as representatives of the foreign victims would help investigate.

NATO said two of its Dutch Apache helicopters spotted the tail of the plane on Saturday afternoon, lying at an altitude of 11,000 feet on the side of Chaperi Mountain, 20 miles east of Kabul.

Helicopters then dropped a Slovenian mountain rescue team to the scene, but Qasemi said "nobody reached the wreckage before night-fall."

"Tomorrow, we plan to use helicopters to quickly start recovering the bodies," the minister said at a news conference.

Gen. Mahbub Amiri, an Afghan police commander who got his first job as the village of Chenar at the foot of the mountain, said 30 of his men got within a half-mile of the crash site. They saw no bodies among the pieces of plane jutting from the snow, but reported that wild animals and birds had been attracted to the scene.

"No way" could anyone have survived, Amiri said.

Kam Air was the first private airline in post-Taliban Afghanistan and began flying in November 2003. Its flights on leased Boeing and Antonov planes are popular with wealthy Afghans and also used by aid and reconstruction workers.

However, there have been concerns about the safety of its planes and those of state-owned Ariana Airlines, as well as the approach leading to the crash, which ring Kabul. The airport only recently installed an electronic landing system and still relies on the main U.S. base at Bagram, to the north, for radar.



Boeing 737 took off Thursday afternoon

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G-7 nations willing to offer full debt relief

The Associated Press

LONDON — Finance ministers from the Group of Seven industrial nations said Saturday that they were willing to provide 100 percent debt relief to the world's poorest nations, but insisted developing countries must ensure the money would be spent wisely.

Britain's Treasury chief Gordon Brown said at the close of the G-7 summit in London that debt relief would be "agreed on a case by case basis."

He said discussions would continue on what financing mechanisms should be used to increase overseas development assistance. The International Monetary Fund would examine a proposal to re-evaluate its gold supplies to finance debt relief when it meets in April.

Britain has made tackling poverty in Africa and the developing world a priority for its presidency of the G-8 — the Group of Seven plus Russia — and says the goals of the United Nations' 2000 Mil-

lennium Summit, to tackle by 2015 the poverty, hunger and disease afflicting billions of people, will not be met without urgent action.

G-7 finance ministers said developing countries must have "sound, accountable and transparent institutions" and develop policies for poverty reduction and sustained economic growth.

The communique issued at the close of the conference noted that corruption in four nations was "a significant barrier to growth, private-sector development, investment and poverty reduction."

In turn, wealthy nations were committed to enjoining the round of trade talks, launched in Doha, Qatar, in 2001, that aim to slash subsidies, tariffs and other barriers to global commerce, and to use trade to help poor nations, the communique said.

Brown hailed the summit as a success, saying that for the first time a G-7 communique had specifically tackled the issues of development aid and debt relief.

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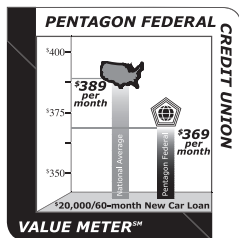


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Victims of '94 Sarajevo massacre remembered

The Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Sarajevo commemorated Saturday the victims of a wartime massacre 11 years ago, in which a mortar shell fired from a hill outside the besieged city landed on a crowded downtown market, killing 67 people and injuring 142.

Vegetable and fruit sellers removed their stands to make room for several hundred survivors, family members of victims and officials who gathered at the Markale market to remember

the victims.

Several wooden stands that were used at the market 11 years ago were brought back in and covered with red roses.

The names of the 67 killed were read out, and people laid flowers in front of a wall displaying the names, which was erected at the site where the 120 millimeter mortar shell landed in the 1994 attack.

"We should not forget, but we must move on. Coexistence and tolerance are our foundation and our tradition," said Sulejman

Tihic, a member of the Bosnian multiethnic presidency.

He added that for the sake of justice and peace, the perpetrators of this and other crimes committed during the war in Bosnia must be found and punished.

The 1994 market place massacre was the worst Sarajevo saw during the nearly 1,400 days of siege by the Bosnian Serb forces.

Over 11,000 Sarajevo civilians died during the 1992-95 war between the Muslim Bosniaks, Orthodox Serbs and Catholic Croats in Bosnia.

French march to protest work hours

PARIS — Trade unions handed a slap Saturday to President Jacques Chirac's conservative government, gathering tens of thousands of people at marches to protest plans to chip away at the short working week.

Tens of thousands of marchers set off on a demonstration through eastern Paris on Saturday afternoon.

A march earlier in Toulouse in southwest France drew 14,000 protesters, police said, while organizers said 25,000 took part. At least 4,000 people — mostly

civil servants and employees from state-owned firms — marched in Saint-Etienne in the southeast.

Unions called the demonstrations against a proposal from Chirac's governing party that aims to relax a law limiting the workweek to 35 hours.

Changes would allow employees to work up to 48 hours a week, the European limit. Supporters say the proposal would lift a burden off companies and state finances and allow workers to earn more money.

Critics claim the proposal would destroy the gain of working less.

From The Associated Press

Europe working to integrate Gypsies

BY VESELIN TOSHKOV

The Associated Press

SOFIA, Bulgaria — Leaders from eight central and eastern European countries agreed Wednesday to work together to fight prejudice and discrimination against Roma and fully integrate this minority into their societies.

Prime ministers and government officials from Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Macedonia, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, and Slovakia gave their backing to the 10-year initiative for improving the social and economic status of Europe's Gypsies, called the Decade of Roma Inclusion.

The project is sponsored by the World Bank and the Open Society Institute and aims to fight isolation, unemployment and illiteracy among one of Europe's largest minorities.

World Bank President James D. Wolfensohn called the initiative "one of the great moral issues facing Europe today."

"This is the first time that the governments are showing real political will to see that Roma are equal citizens in a growing Europe," said George Soros, chairman of the Open Society Institute.

The international financier and philanthropist, who called for the

initiative two years ago, will contribute \$30 million to the newly established Roma Education Fund, which will support education reform.

Governments, multilateral and private organizations and individuals have also contributed to the Fund, which now has more than \$43 million. However, a Roma activist said that although the initiative was welcome, he did not believe 10 years would be enough to make a difference.

"After centuries of neglect and discrimination, 10 years is a rather short period to expect some real progress," Asen Slavchev of the Roma-Lom Foundation said.

The project is guided by an International Steering Committee, made up of representatives of governments, Roma from each country and international organizations.

Roma are now one of the largest, poorest and fastest growing minorities in Europe with a total population estimated at between 7 to 10 million.

Also on Wednesday, the United Nations Development Program released a new survey on the status of Roma minorities in central and eastern Europe, providing thorough statistical data to outline Gypsies' position as highly underprivileged members of society.

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Ruling may wreck case against tobacco industry

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An appeals court says the federal government cannot use a racketeering law to seek a huge penalty against the tobacco industry.

The decision by a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit dealt a major blow to the government's attempt to hold cigarette makers accountable for decades of alleged deceit about the dangers of smoking, ruling the Justice Department can't seek \$280 billion in penalties.

Friday's 2-1 ruling comes in the

midst of a monthlong trial in U.S. District Court on the government's lawsuit contending the industry knew about the health dangers of smoking but hid that information from the public. The trial will continue while the government considers an appeal.

Even if the decision stands, U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler could impose restrictions on the tobacco companies, such as limiting marketing or requiring the industry to fund public health campaigns or smoking cessation programs.

Still, the appeals court decision was a major win for tobacco com-

panies. Wall Street greeted it by sending stock prices of cigarette makers sharply higher.

Charles A. Blixt, executive vice president and general counsel for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., said the ruling "dramatically transforms" the government's lawsuit.

Government lawyers were reviewing the ruling and had no immediate comment, Justice Department spokeswoman Kimberly Smith said. They could request a rehearing in front of the three judges, ask for the full appeals court to consider the case or appeal to the Supreme Court.

The \$280 billion is the most ever sought in a civil racketeering trial.



President Bush talks about his plan to reform Social Security during a town hall meeting Friday afternoon in Tampa, Fla., at the Tampa Convention Center. Bush also discussed the plan in his weekly radio address Sunday.

Bush radio talk touts Social Security plan

BY JENNIFER LOVEN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fresh from a five-state tour promoting his plan to add private accounts to Social Security, President Bush pledged on Saturday to go beyond that proposal and push for an overhaul to make the retirement system permanently solvent.

Bush told his weekly radio address that the budget he submits to Congress on Monday will hold the growth of discretionary spending below the projected 2.3 percent rate of inflation.

Discretionary programs are ones Congress must re-approve each year; the White House estimates their cost at \$823 billion this year.

"I welcome the bipartisan calls to control the spending appetite of the federal government," Bush said.

He spent the two days after his State of the Union address in rallies around the country to press Congress to back his idea for letting younger workers put up to two-thirds of their Social Security tax contributions into accounts invested in stocks and bonds. In return, those workers would see an unspecified reduction in their traditional Social Security benefit.

The Social Security system needs radical change to be saved, Bush said, and one step he is proposing is the private accounts.

He said private accounts would allow younger workers a possible better rate of return — without mentioning possible negative results — and the accounts would be something they could pass on to heirs.

"We will make the system a better deal for younger workers by allowing them to save some of their payroll taxes in voluntary personal

retirement accounts — a nest egg they can call their own, which government can never take away," the president said.

He also has acknowledged that more must be done to solve the long-term financial problems of the government retirement program.

"We will make Social Security's finances permanently sound, not leave the task for another day," he said.

Democrats have disputed Bush's assertion the Social Security system is in crisis, pointing out that it is not until 2042 when the system will be able to cover only about 73 percent of benefits owed. Most also oppose Bush's plan for private accounts, saying they would result in unacceptable benefit cuts, add to the federal debt and speed the program's insolvency.

In his party's weekly radio address Saturday, Democratic National Committee chairman Terry McAuliffe replied: "While Social Security faces challenges, Bush's privatization plan would make things worse. Benefit cuts, massive debt and more insecurity are not the type of drastic changes we need to make to our nation's retirement security."

McAuliffe called Bush's approach a "selfish agenda" and said Democrats have a better approach for addressing the problems Social Security faces "down the road."

"Democrats want any plan to solve the Social Security challenges to be rooted in fiscal discipline, with budgets that pay as we go," he said. "Democrats will insist that any change to the system not result in benefit cuts. On those two principles for the safety and security of America's seniors we will not yield."

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Ossie Davis remembered for his acting, activism

BY DON SINGLETON

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Ossie Davis was remembered Friday as a man who championed racial justice in memorable roles on the stage and screen and as an African-American man of extraordinary stature.

Davis, who was found dead in a Miami hotel room, starred in the epic TV series "Roots" and Spike Lee's breakthrough 1988 film "Do the Right Thing." He was in Florida to start filming for the movie "Retirement," his Hollywood talent agent said. He was 87.

Davis was born in Cogdell, Ga. He and his wife and longtime acting partner, Ruby Dee, made their home in New Rochelle, N.Y. Dee was in New Zealand on Friday to make a movie, according to Davis' agent, Michael Livingston.

"Ossie Davis was an actor and an artist of enormous talent whose portrayal of the human experience reminded us each time

of the frailties and beauty of our collective experiences," said New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

"Look up the dictionary definition for activist," said actor Bill Cosby. "He was also the epitome of a role model."

Performer Harry Belafonte spoke of Davis on Friday at the Schomburg Center in Harlem. "The loss of Ossie Davis is one of the most profound losses of my life," he said. "I will miss him in more ways than I can imagine."

"The passing of Ossie Davis is a tremendous loss to the world community, the nation, the civil rights movement and me personally," said the Rev. Al Sharpton. "Whether it was going to jail together to protest the brutal killing of Amadou Diallo or watching the Super Bowl at the home of black businessman Earl Graves, Ossie was ... a giant tree that fell in our forest that can never be replaced."

Davis, who wrote, acted, directed and produced for the the-

ater and Hollywood, was a central figure among black performers for decades. He and Dee celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1998 with the publication of a dual autobiography, "In This Life Together."

When not on stage or on camera, Davis and Dee were deeply involved in civil rights issues and efforts to promote the cause of blacks in the entertainment industry. In 1965, Davis delivered the eulogy at the funeral of Malcolm X.

The couple nearly ran afoul of the anti-Communist witch hunts of the early 1950s but were never openly accused of any wrongdoing.

Actor Roy Scheider, who had performed with Davis and attended anti-war rallies with him, called Davis and Dee "the first political couple of America."

Couple accused of starving, torturing kids caught in Fla.

BY MIKE BRANOM

The Associated Press

INVERNESS, Fla. — A Florida couple accused of torturing and starving five adopted children — including pulling out their toenails and subjecting them to electric shocks — were

captured in southeastern Utah after police tracked them through their cell phones, officials said.

John and Linda Dollar were jailed Friday in San Juan County, Utah, on Florida warrants of felony aggravated child abuse.

The family included seven adopted children between the ages of 12 and 17. Five of the children told investigators they were tortured by the couple, subjected to electric shocks, beatings with hammers and having

their toenails yanked out with pliers.

Authorities said the abused five had physical injuries to back up their claims and were severely malnourished. They told of being forced to sleep in a closet in the Dollars' bedroom because the

couple accused them of stealing food and misbehaving, said sheriff's spokeswoman Gail Tierney.

"They looked like the photos that we've

seen of Auschwitz," said Tierney, describing 14-year-old twins, one weighing 36 pounds, the other 38 pounds — about 80 pounds below the normal weights for their age.

The other two children were favored by the Dollars and were uninjured, Tierney said. All seven are in state custody.



Linda Dollar



John Dollar

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Political ideologies square off in schools



THE MARIETTA (GA.) DAILY JOURNAL/AP

American Civil Liberties Union attorney Michael Manley poses with a copy of one of the science textbooks in which the Cobb County, Ga., School Board has placed a warning sticker that says evolution is "a theory, not a fact" in this Nov. 4 photo.

BY MATT CRENSON
The Associated Press

In America's culture wars, schoolchildren are on the front lines.

From Maine to California, parents, teachers and school boards are squabbling — and sometimes suing one another — over what children should learn about sex, how to teach about religion's role in American history and how students ought to be introduced to the mystery of mankind's origins.

These arguments have been going on, with varying degrees of intensity, for decades. But President Bush's November victory — widely interpreted as defeat for liberals — seems to have emboldened the religious right and enlivened the debate.

"I think right now there's a lot of new energy among some conservative Christian groups," said Charles C. Haynes, a senior scholar at the Freedom Forum's First Amendment Center.

As usual, the teaching of evolution is a center of contention.

Parents and school boards are currently involved in court battles over it in at least 13 states.

But there are other flashpoints.

In Cupertino, Calif., fifth-grade teacher Steven Williams has filed suit against the school district that employs him, claiming that his First Amendment rights are violated by a policy that requires him to submit for approval any classroom handout mentioning religion.

The Phoenix-based Alliance Defense Fund,

which is representing Williams, says the school's policy effectively bans the teacher from handing out such important historical documents as the Declaration of Independence, which says: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator..."

Nonsense, say school district officials. In fact, the Declaration of Independence is right in the students' textbooks, district communications manager Jerry Nishihara points out. What's not in the textbooks — and for good reason, school officials say — is the material Williams was handing out to students on his own.

There was, for example, a classroom handout titled, "What Great Leaders Have Said About the Bible," containing quotes from nine U.S. presidents and another from Jesus. Some of those quotes, school officials say, are fictitious.

At the root of disagreements like the one in Cupertino are feelings on the part of conservatives that schools go too far in trying to avoid violating the constitutional separation of church and state.

In suburban Dallas, for example, a school district is being sued for prohibiting students from exchanging cards and candy cans with Christmas-specific messages at a winter holiday party.

"We're just sick and tired of all this criticism of all these foundational things that's made America a great country," said Jordan Lawrence, senior counsel for the Alliance Defense Fund.

But conservatives and fundamentalist Christians aren't always the plaintiffs in such lawsuits.

Michael Newdow, a California man who complains that the inclusion of the words "under God" in the pledge of allegiance violates his 10-year-old daughter's right to religious freedom, is going back to court.

Other culture battles in the schools involve what children should be learning about sex.

Texans, for example, squabbled recently over how textbooks should define marriage, and whether books used in health classes should mention condoms or contraception as an option for sexually active teenagers.

In both cases, conservatives won the day. Textbooks in use in public schools in Texas explicitly define marriage as between a man and a woman. And they present only one option for avoiding pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases — abstinence.

Meanwhile, the argument over the teaching of evolution, which has been raging since before William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow faced off in the famous Scopes trial in Tennessee nearly 80 years ago, shows no signs of abating.

In Georgia's Cobb County, a campaign by parents convinced the school board to require a warning sticker on biology textbooks stating that "evolution is a theory, not a fact" and imploring students to consider the books' contents "with an open mind." The ACLU sued, and a court ordered the stickers removed.

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BY DAVID SHARP
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine

Low-carb bread? That's so 2004.

The bread industry, hoping for a comeback after last year's low-carb fad, is telling consumers bread is good for them — especially whole-grain bread.

Bread makers learned from the low-carb craze that they need to market themselves better. So, three weeks after new government guidelines calling for three one-ounce servings of whole grains a day, the industry is starting a campaign touting health benefits.

Industry officials say the trend is in their favor.

"There was an all-out assault on our industry, but people are coming back to bread and are realizing why they loved it in the first place," said Lee Schwedel of Schwedel Baking Co. in Youngstown, Ohio. "Try making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich without bread."

On Tuesday, the industry will launch a low-carb counterattack pointing to benefits of grains as part of an overall diet. The \$3.5 million Grains for Life campaign will be announced in New York and Washington with billboards, posters and people dancing in bread costumes.

"The message we're trying to get out is it's the calories, not the carbs," said Lori Sachau of the Wheat Foods Council in Colorado. Critics contend it was predictable that fickle Americans would eventually tire of the latest diet, but bread industry officials were surprised at how quickly low-carb seemed to fall out of favor.

A survey by NPD Group, an independent marketing information company, found the number of

American adults on any low-carb diet peaked at 9.1 percent last February and dropped to 3.6 percent by mid-November.

"The path low-carb has taken is not unlike a lot of other stuff except that it burst so fast. It went up very fast. Sometimes when things go up fast, they come down just as fast," said Stan Osmen of Interstate Bakeries Corp., maker of Wonder Bread and Twinkies.

But that's not to say the nation is about to see a bread boom.

Bread sales were flat even before the obsession with the Atkins, South Beach and other carb-limiting diets, and the industry can't make up for the lost ground overnight.

While bread is still a staple for most Americans, they're not eating it as often as they used to, causing a slow decline that has been offset only by a growing population.

In Portland, Stephen Lanzallotta opened his Italian bakery in 2000 with bread accounting for about 10 percent of sales. Business dipped in part because of low-carb diets, and bread now accounts for 20 percent of sales.

Lanzallotta stayed in business by boosting his offerings of sandwiches and pastries and expanding his menu with breakfast and Sunday brunch.

Overall, the shift away from low-carb is drawing people back not just to bread but to other products that took a hit, like orange juice, cereals, potatoes, bagels and pasta, said Joel Croover of grocer Kroger Co. in Cincinnati.

Meanwhile, many consumers have given up on low-carb breads

"There were a lot of low-carb products that were rushed to the market that didn't taste good," Croover said. "I've found a few that turned a lot of consumers off."

Sunday Horoscope

Mars enters Capricorn, a detached and cool placement for this headhunted planet. It's not wise to rush forward to battle without a strategy, and Mars in Capricorn helps evoke ingenious plans. In the weeks to come, employ classic approaches to obtain your goals. Respect the hierarchy of organizations, and that hierarchy will respect you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (February 6): There's no mountain high enough, no river wide enough to keep you from your ambition this year. By clinging to the spirit of determination, you make a lifestyle change this month. Money comes from a new source as a result. In May, a battle of some kind is over, and you can take your victory trophy home. Romance signs are Leo and Libra.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You're feeling grounded and attracted to anyone confident enough to drop all pretension. Even the Flocke-ers of the world are hailing calls, so anyone playing high and mighty doesn't have a chance with you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The Beatles wrote it, and you believe it: "All you need is love — love is all you need." Now, if you could only convince that certain someone who keeps nagging you for money.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Everything is fine except for the sneaking suspicion you're becoming indistinct — just another face in the crowd. What will you do to set yourself apart this time? Something custom made just for you will do the trick. Splurge.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): People around you are getting too confusing and frankly a little more riled up than the situation calls for. The winning idea is also a simple one. Step back, and get an objective look at things before giving an opinion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It's not your job to fix the world as much as you'd like to help. Besides, if you're neglecting your own needs,

you're really no help at all! Balance your philanthropy with thorough and attentive self-care.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Delegating is always hard for you because nobody does it quite like you can. But today, it will be downright impossible, so don't even try. Wake up early, stay late up, and fall in love with the do-it-yourself process.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): You'll be welcomed into someone's home or taken into someone's confidence. It's so interesting to observe first hand how others are living! Be aware that you are a trusted individual, and do nothing to compromise that trust.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): People who are overly emotional give you nuts. That's why when you're hit with a surge of intense feeling this afternoon, it's particularly unnerving. Just know that the world will be compassionate — you don't have to hold back.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You make a correct choice and ding-ding-ding — the big winner's bell goes off! Confetti falls from the sky! Well, not really, but there's nothing like the feeling of certainty you get from being right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You're probably going yourself due credit. When you feel you haven't done enough, perhaps the thing to do is ask around. Parents or older relatives can be a fine gauge of your progress. Make the phone call.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's one thing to be open to what's shiny and new, and quite another to be rendered helpless by the attraction. Be strong now. Don't be like the moth that beats itself against the light bulb.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Energy comes from being near the hub of the action. Go where the inspiration is thick. You'll know you're getting something important out of the experience when your thoughts are so loud you can't hear your mouth.

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Gang of 'cawdies' imitate cadets

I read that "caddie" comes from "cades" and I would like to know more about the history of the word. Is there a connection between the military "caded" and a golf "caddie"?
When the English adopted the French word "cadet" in the 17th century, they used it the way the French did — both for a "younger brother" and for a young gentleman in training for military service (since these were generally "younger sons," in need of a career).
The Scots, pronouncing "cadet" somewhat in the French way, "CAH-day," but spelling it "cawdie," "cawdie," or "cawdie," also began using the word in the mid-17th century to refer to a military trainee.

In 18th-century Scotland a gang of young street people banded together under the leadership of the "Constable of the Cawdies." It is supposed they took their name, and to some degree ran their organization, in imitation of the more respectable "caddies" in military service. Despite their unseemly appearance, they were actually on the lookout for what kind of employment came their way — odd jobs of any sort. As a result, in Scottish English "cawdie" eventually came to mean "a person who waits about for odd jobs."

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Daughter's murder request should raise red flags for dad

Dear Abby: What do you think of a very intelligent 15½-year-old girl, a straight-A student, who asks her noncustodial father to kill her mother's boyfriend — which the father, of course, will not do? This girl is not a gang member or on drugs. How do you justify this kind of thinking in a teenage girl, and how do you reconcile the fact that she claims to love her father while asking him to kill somebody for her?

Concerned in Nevada
Dear Concerned: Either the girl has serious emotional problems, or she's having serious problems with her mother's boyfriend. I would not question the girl's love for her father. I would urge him to intervene and see that his daughter receives the help she obviously needs, including assuring that she's out of reach of the boyfriend. She could have been emotionally abused or molested by him.

Dear Abby: My daughter, "Lisa," is 18 and a freshman in college, and has a part-time job in a local clothing store where she receives a 15-percent employee discount. I work in a beauty salon nearby, which allows me to see Lisa during her frequent visits to

the shop.
One of my co-workers, "Francine," has on numerous occasions cornered my daughter and asked her to buy things for her, using her employee benefit. This is strictly against store policy. When Francine asks me if Lisa is one of my co-workers, "Francine," I ask her why, and she answers, "She's supposed to let me know when 'whatever' goes on sale." It's not that I'm concerned. If I confront Francine, it will cause tension, which will result in Lisa's visits being less frequent. With our busy schedules, it's the only time I get to see her some days. Is this something I should stay out of, or should I put "rescue man" and get it over with? This has been going on for a few months now, and enough already! It's tacky and rude. Francine is a co-worker, not a friend. How should this be handled?

Furious in Las Vegas
Dear Furious: Your daughter should not be risking her job so that Francine can get a good deal. I know a personable and kind-hearted young man who was fired for doing what your daughter has been doing.
Have a talk with Lisa, and tell her that the next time Francine approaches her, she should tell the woman that she cannot do it

because it's against store policy, and she doesn't want to lose her job. It's the truth, and she shouldn't feel guilty for saying it. She's been taken advantage of. If Lisa is afraid to speak up, do it for her.

Dear Abby: I made the mistake of putting out a candy dish at work. I got a lot of criticism. In one of my co-workers consistently takes candy — usually more than all the clients combined — and she's not even supposed to be eating sugar! Recently, my fiancé and I decided to start saving for a house. We are on a tight budget, so I stopped putting out candy. My co-worker continually asks where her "treats" are.
I have heard she's trying to save for a house, and her reply was, "Oh, you poor baby. You should put out a collection jar for donations." I don't feel I should ask clients for donations, especially since she's the one taking all the candy. Please advise me how to respond politely to her. I am out of ideas.

Confidential in Maryland
Dear Confidential: The next time your co-worker asks where her treats are, smile sweetly and tell her, "The concession is closed."

Letters for this column — with your name and other identifying information — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the internet at <http://www.uspress.com/dearabby>.

Promise of stepdaughter's departure taken off the table

Dear Annie: Two years ago, I met a man with a 16-year-old daughter, "Josie." At the time, my son was 13. "Bob" proposed after we had known each other about a year, and he and Josie moved in with us a few months before we were to marry.

Not long after, I told Bob that I couldn't marry him because of his daughter. Josie is pompous, spoiled, sarcastic and self-absorbed (her dad agrees). Bob said if Josie was still a problem after we married, he would send her to live with her mother across town. I accepted those terms, and we married. A few months ago, I suggested it was time for Josie to live with her mother, as he had originally promised. However, Bob now claims he cannot recall our conversation and that I must be mistaken.

I am furious with Bob. He refused to have Josie move out, and I feel he manipulated me into this mess. My health is suffering, and I don't want my son in this kind of situation. What should I do?

Trusting Your Judgment
Dear Trusting: Yes, Bob manipulated you. He should not have made any promises he was unwilling to keep.
Josie should be 18 by now. If

she is planning to attend college, we strongly recommend you check out the dorms. If she is not going to continue her education, she should get a job and pay rent on her own apartment. If Bob refuses to encourage Josie to move out on something he understands what is at stake.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I laughed out loud when I read the responses you printed several months ago to the question, "When are you going to have kids?"
I have a young mother of four, I often am asked, "When are you going to STOP having kids?" I know we live in a society where American families have an average of 2.2 kids, but my husband and I clearly love all our children and work hard to raise them right. We think of each one as a blessing.

I would love to have some witty remarks to use when people ask us that rude question.

Mama of Four, San Francisco Bay Area
Dear Mama of Four: As long as you can support them, they are entitled to have as many children as you want. However, since our readers enjoy putting in their two cents, we will print the best responses to your question.

Dear Annie: I am 21 years old. My grandfather helped me find a wonderful job in his state, so I moved in with him. My grandma died about six months ago, so I felt I would be helping Grandpa out, and moving up the career ladder in the process.

Although I love Grandpa and am extremely grateful for his help, he is very stubborn. He absolutely will not take any of my money to help with rent or other expenses.

Grandpa is in good health and is retired. I know he loves having me here, but he is hard to live with. The place is never heated or air-conditioned to my liking, and I don't feel comfortable doing anything without his permission. What happens if I invite a guy over? I really want my own place, but I worry about leaving Grandpa alone with no one but his dog for company.

Unsure in Wyoming
Dear Unsure: Dogs make great companions, and if you promise to stop by Grandpa's often and call daily to check up on him, he will think you go ahead and find your own place. Don't let your puppy run into doing something that's not his.

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Praying for a big win

Does God care about the Super Bowl?

BY JIM REMSEN

Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — When Bishop Alden A. Gaines walked to his prayer closet two weekends ago, his spiritual wings began flapping hard — for his beloved Philadelphia Eagles. “O, God, let them win this time,” Gaines prayed. “So many people will be disappointed if they don’t win this time.”

A man of the cloth thinks it’s OK to pray for victory in a mere football game, even if it is the Super Bowl? “Of course it’s OK. You can pray for anything you love and you care about,” said Gaines, who leads Consolation Baptist Church in South Philadelphia. “In sports, there’s always a winner, and I believe God has a hand in deciding everything, even that.”

Before Birds fans begin bombarding heaven’s gate with pleas for a W, they should know that not all clergy would cheer.

“I steer away from the victory theme,” said the Rev. J. David Hoke, the Eagles’ team chaplain, who runs a chapel service for players and coaches every game day.

“It’s great to pray for God’s blessing and favor, but I don’t think God is rooting for a particular team,” said Hoke, a Southern Baptist who pastors New Horizons Community Church in Voorhees, N.J.

“He’s interested in the players and their welfare and their lives, not in who wins the Super Bowl.”

Scoreboard prayers, however tempting, are a bit out of bounds, others agreed.

“We should reserve our prayers for serious things,” said Rabbi Lisa Malik, head of Suburban Jewish Community Center-B’nai Aaron, a Conservative synagogue in Havertown, Pa. A

“O, God, let them win this time.”

Bishop

Alden A. Gaines
Consolation Baptist
Church in South
Philadelphia

victory prayer does not appear to violate Jewish law, she said, but it risks “bothering God” and “trivializing a blessing.”

Prayers in Philadelphia for an Eagles win aren’t going to coerce God, because probably there’s someone up in New England praying for the Patriots — and what, do they cancel each other out? said Camden Catholic Bishop Joseph Galante. Partisan pleas demean God by making him “a marionette master pulling strings.”

Galante, a major Eagles fan, sported a Donovan McNabb jersey at a diocesan pep rally before the Falcons game. He led a

prayer that beseeched the Virgin Mary, who is “victorious” in heaven, to protect the Eagles “on the field and off, and help them to use their talents, both physical and intellectual, to the best of their ability, so that they may experience victory, too.”

His pep prayer was based on the belief that any gridiron triumph would result from human effort, not divine intervention, Galante said in an interview.

“If you use your God-given talents to the best of your ability, your chances of winning are greatly increased. God gives us abilities and doesn’t ordinarily intervene in human affairs like a sporting contest.”

The Rev. C. Matthew Hudson, pastor of St. Paul’s Baptist Church in North Philadelphia, said God’s mission is about love and “doesn’t have anything to do with competition.”

“Some things don’t reach the throne of God, but bring comfort to our own people,” he said. “If you pray for victory, those are just words you’re saying ... that don’t even reach heaven because they have nothing to do with helping people.”

Nelson Dorny, a Mormon bishop, leads youth groups at the Delaware County, Pa., church that Eagles coach Andy Reid and his family attend.

Dorny advises his charges that it’s OK “to pray that you or your team may play to its ability and not have injuries.”



A pair of Super Bowl XXXIX tickets are displayed last week in Jacksonville, Fla. Sunday’s game features the Philadelphia Eagles against the New England Patriots. Some fans are praying on the game’s outcome.

To pray for a W, though, “is like two children asking their father, ‘Let me be the winner,’” Dorny said. Just as parents don’t want to show favoritism, “I find God is an impartial and fair father who wants best for all of us.”

Scripture teaches that God “will respond to our prayers if

they are appropriate, and interventions in certain situations,” Dorny said.

If one team has been winning too much, God might intervene because they need to learn something. I suppose that’s possible,” he said.

“But if I were a betting man, I’m not sure I’d bet on it.”

Innovative churches find success in franchising locations

BY PATRICK KAMPERT

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Scott and Michelle Knollenberg of Plainfield, Ill., can spend their Sundays letting national chains cater to their every need — physical, material and, now, spiritual.

They can grab an Egg McMuffin at McDonald’s, a stylish lamp at Target, towels at Bed Bath & Beyond and a double tall nonfat mocha at Starbucks. But Sunday’s highlight is the church service prepared by Naperville, Ill., pastor Dave Ferguson and his national staff, which will be virtually identical in music, sermon, videos and skits at 10 locations throughout the country.

The Knollenbergs are members of Community Christian Church, which has Chicago-area sites in Naperville, Shorewood, Romeoville and Montgomery. Nationally, the network started by Ferguson and his brother Jon also has churches in Denver, Detroit, New York and Bakersfield, Calif.

In the business world, they call this kind of thing franchising. In evangelicism, it’s known as the multisite church, and it is a growing trend with a similar aim: providing consistent quality and service wherever you go.

Dave Ferguson, co-founder and lead pastor of Community Christian, said his church was one of about 10 nationally that were taking a multisite approach in 1998. Six years later, upward of 1,000 churches have embraced the movement.

In the Chicago area, Willow Creek Com-



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Justin, left, and Colleen Wozniak of Aurora, Ill., enjoy their blended drinks as they sit in Community Christian Church’s site in Naperville, Ill. Katie Rosen runs a coffee shop serving beverages that parishioners are welcome to bring into church services with them.

munity Church, New Life Community Church and Harvest Bible Chapel are among the institutions whose growth has spurred them to find new ways to accommodate the crowds that flock to their weekend-end services. That usually means satellite campuses that are 10, 20 or 30 miles away from their main location.

Community Christian and Willow Creek

are geared to spiritual seekers in their weekend services. They put a priority on delivering a highly professional presentation to audiences that have grown up with 16-screen cineplexes, big-budget musicals and elaborate concerts. So when Willow Creek hired Colorado megachurch pastor Jim Tomberlin to spearhead its expansion to satellite campuses, he knew the

far-flung locations couldn’t skip on the reputation that the South Barrington, Ill., church has developed.

“We’ve done surveys in the past, and when you ask people what the ideal church size is, they’ll say about 200,” Tomberlin said. “But when you ask them what they want from a church, they describe a church of 2,000 — great preaching, great youth and children’s programs, a pastor who’s available to them.”

“There’s a sense that small is more intimate, and it’s true,” he added. “I believe these [satellites] allow us to do both.”

The services that the Knollenbergs attend emerge from video and phone conferences that the church staff has every Tuesday.

Each church staff has 10 days to tweak the service to fit the needs and context of its parishioners. A similar approach is used at Chicago-based New Life church with its five locations.

“We all do the same message, but it will sound and feel a little different at each location just because of the multicultural aspect,” said New Life pastor Mark Jobe.

Occasionally, the New Life churches gather for a single service, something Jobe cherishes.

“You’ll have a young white professional who works at a tech company downtown sitting beside a first-generation immigrant Mexican who speaks very little English,” he said. “But they’re part of the same church and the same vision and connected to each other.”

Cold deters crime

ME WATERTVILLE — The nose-numbing cold that put Maine in the deep-freeze for much of January was enough to keep many Mainers in the warmth of their homes.

It also keeps crime rates down, law enforcement officials say.

In fact, crime rates generally go up and down in tandem with the rise and fall of outdoor temperatures, according to Maine Department of Public Safety statistics.

February is usually the month with the lowest crime rate in Maine, while July and August have the highest crime rates, according to Department of Public Safety statistics.

In 2003, Maine recorded 2,104 serious crimes in February and 3,387 crimes in July, a 61 percent increase over the span.

Steven Giorgetti, assistant professor of criminal justice at Thomas College, said criminals tend to be aware of their surroundings.

"They're aware they may be leaving tracks in the snow that police can follow," he said. "And they're aware it's harder to escape on a slippery winter surface. They can't run and they can't drive very fast, either."

911 for directions

LA MONROE — Jerry Wayne Till managed to get away from sheriff's deputies and elude them briefly — until he called them for help after he got lost in the woods.

A sheriff's deputy tried to pull over Till on Wednesday evening for speeding, but Till drove away, exceeding 100 mph at times, before eventually abandoning his vehicle and running into the woods, according to the arrest affidavit.

Deputies brought in search dogs, but couldn't locate Till until he called the sheriff's office from his cell phone asking for help because he was lost.

Taxes are no joke

OH MIDDLETOWN — Taxes are no laughing matter.

The city's tax superintendent has been suspended without pay for a week for trying to inject some humor in the city income tax filing instructions.

The attempt at humor by Linda Shubbs was called "misguided" by city Finance Director John Lyons.

The forms — with such lines as, "If we can tax it, we will," — were sent to all Middletown businesses and residents who pay city income tax.

City officials didn't laugh at lines like: "Free advice: If you don't have a profit in a five-year period, you may want to consider another line of work."

Falling real estate

TX DALLAS — Back yards in a half-dozen houses surrounding an Irving lake have dropped about six feet, collapsing decks and toppling fences.

An area about 50 yards long and 10 yards wide collapsed about midnight Tuesday, dropping back yards along the eastern banks of the 130-acre Vilbig Lake on the south side of the Dallas suburb of Irving.

"It's like it imploded from under-



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neath," said Teresa Castro, staring out at the roughly 5-foot drop about 6 feet from her home's foundation. "It's unusual. I've never seen anything like it."

No one said they heard anything to indicate anything was wrong.

Area resident Jim Ferguson lost his 16-by-16-foot wood deck and several birdhouses he had up on poles.

"The dog was out, but he apparently had enough sense to stay out."

Online beyond the grave?

WV CHARLESTON — The recording industry sued Gertrude Walton, accusing her of illegally trading music over the Internet as "smittenkitten."

But the lawsuit was filed more than a month after the 83-year-old woman died in December, and her daughter says Walton hated computers, anyway.

A group of record companies named Walton as the sole defendant in a federal lawsuit, claiming she made more than 700 songs available for free on the Internet.

Walton's daughter, Robin Chianumba, lived with her mother for the last 17 years and said her mother objected to having a computer in the house.

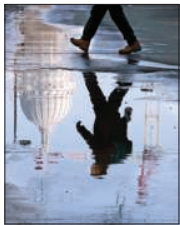
"I am pretty sure she is not going to leave Greenwood Memorial Park (where she is buried) to attend the hearing," Chianumba said.

Grading gripe

NV LAS VEGAS — Bob Whitney isn't willing to accept a B-minus.

He's suing the University of Nevada, Las Vegas after losing an appeal over the grade.

Bob Whitney, 52, alleges in the lawsuit that a history professor dis-



Capitol reflections

The State Capitol in Madison, Wis., is reflected in a puddle on State Street.

criminated against him because of his conservative values.

He seeks at least \$10,000 for emotional distress, tuition, books and living expenses University officials say the complaint filed Jan. 12 in Clark County District Court has no merit.

Whitney said the grade he got in Eugene Moehring's class in spring 2004 damaged his grade-point average and made him ineligible for student loans. He claimed Moehring's fast-paced lectures prevented him from taking complete notes, and Moehring criticized his conservatism in written assignments.

Twin creates quandary

MA BOSTON — For the second time in seven months, jurors deadlocked in the case of a man accused of rape after hearing that DNA found at the scene could have come from his twin brother.

The same thing happened in Darin Fernandez's first trial last June. However, he was convicted on similar evidence in an unrelated rape case in 2003.

On Monday, a Suffolk Superior Court jury told Judge Thomas E. Connolly it could not reach a verdict after deliberating about 20 hours over five days. Fernandez is accused of breaking into a young woman's apartment in Dorchester in 2001 and raping her.

Budget crunch

CO DENVER — This year was supposed to be different at the Colorado Capitol.

After winning control of the House and Senate for the first time in 42 years, Democrats were promising friendly collaboration, open doors and a renewed dedication to solving the state's budget crunch. Instead, things have been ugly from the start.

On the first day of the session, Republican Sen. Norma Anderson broke tradition and voted against Democrat Joan Fitz-Gerald as Senate president. She said she was upset because Democrats had fired a popular clerk and wanted to show her displeasure.

Democrats then angered Republicans by using Google to challenge facts cited by GOP Gov. Bill Owens during his state of the state speech that Colorado's economy is improving. Just this week Democrats killed the only GOP plan to fix the state's budget woes.

Republicans called a news conference Thursday to bemoan the decline in civility and wound up shouting accusations at Democrats who showed up to listen about the need to cooperate.

One-term limit

VA RICHMOND — For the 13th straight year, legislation to allow the Virginia governor the opportunity to serve two successive terms died Friday in the General Assembly.

A proposed constitutional amendment to end the state's practice of barring governors from seeking re-election was defeated on a 5-15 vote in a House committee. While lots of states have term limits, Virginia is the only one to limit its governors to a single, four-year term.

Discouraged at the lopsided vote, the resolution's sponsor, Delegate Harry R. Purkey, withdrew four other similar measures for the year.



Fiery encounter

A firefighter battles a blaze at the California Apartments in Pleasantville, N.J. The fire demolished a building but no injuries were reported.



Musical diversion

Jon Van Arsdell warms up on the guitar in the Capitol Rotunda before performing in the House and Senate during the 2005 Legislative Session in Santa Fe, N.M. Van Arsdell is part of the University of New Mexico's Mariachi Lobo, a band made up of students, alumni and faculty from the school.



Mardi Gras fanfare

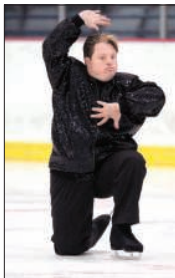
Revelers from the Order of LaSalle's parade along Royal Street in Mobile, Ala. The pre-Lenten blowout continues along the Gulf Coast culminating in Fat Tuesday celebrations Feb. 8.



Balancing act James Robinson, a freshman from Dunleavy High School, enjoys the time spent at the skate park at Millennium Park in Danville, Ky. The rain puddles and cold weather didn't stop skateboarders doing what they do best.



Just hanging around Four-year-old Sydney Neus, right, pushes her sister, Katherine, in a tire swing at Wade Park in Paris, Texas.



The big finish Illinois Special Olympics Winter Games athlete Thomas M. Strack of Mt. Greenwood Park, Ill., reaches the finish of a portion of his level 3 Singles Figure Skating competition held at the Five Flags Center in Dubuque, Iowa.



Majestic scenery Jon Crandall of Coram, Mont., paddles his canoe across Lake McDonald in Glacier National Park, Mont.

Tasers in schools

MN Julie Maidment is still doing the same job, protecting St. Paul, Minn., Highland Park High School as its school resource officer. She's still chatty and easy with a smile, more likely to talk kids away from trouble than to punish them.

But if you look closer, you see it — that small, bright yellow weapon on the left side of her equipment belt. On Monday, Tasers made their first appearance in Minnesota schools on the belts of St. Paul officers.

St. Paul police are putting Tasers in the schools, not as a response to any problems but as part of their ongoing effort to train and equip all their officers with the weapon, said officer Paul Schnell, a department spokesman.

Police in schools from Arizona to North Carolina, Indiana to Florida, now carry Tasers on the job.

Endangered plant

CA MARSHALL — One of California's rarest plants was nearly wiped out of existence when county workers used heavy machinery to unplug a roadside drain in the species' sole habitat.

The Baker's larkspur, a purplish plant that blooms April through May and grows up to 2 feet tall, is found in only one place in the world — near a road in western Marin County.

The damage followed heavy rains last October that pushed debris down a hillside and into the drain, flooding the road. Workers used a mechanical digger to clear the plug cut into the hillside at the exact spot where most of the Baker's larkspur grow.

In minutes, a population of 100 plants was reduced to five.

Members of the Marin Native Plant Society, Marin County Public Works Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state Department of Fish and Game met Tuesday to discuss the fate of the plant and how to better protect it.

Truck strikes teens

MA BOSTON — Four high school students were injured, two seriously, when they were hit by a pickup truck as they waited in front of West Roxbury High School on Friday, police said.

The incident occurred on the VFW Parkway around 7:30 a.m., according to state police Lt. Sharon Costin. WCVB-TV reported the teens were walking on the road when they were hit. The driver of the truck said he was distracted by his 2-year-old child before he hit the teens. The station did not identify the driver.

The victims were reportedly taken to Children's Hospital.

DNA for DUI

TX FORT WORTH — Some Tarrant County police departments have begun using search warrants, in some cases, to obtain blood to test suspected drunken drivers who refuse to take a breath test.

"We have to treat DUI as a serious crime, just like we do any other crime," Sgt. Don Hanlon, supervisor of Fort Worth's traffic investigation unit, said of driving while intoxicated. "We've become accustomed to giving blood samples for DNA testing for violent

crime. This is just a continuation of that. It's evidence of a person's innocence or guilt."

He's alive!

NC RALEIGH, N.C. — A medical examiner studying a body in a morgue was startled when the man took a shallow breath.

Emergency medical technicians had declared 29-year-old Larry D. Green dead almost two hours earlier after he was hit by a car.

Medical examiner J.B. Perdue was called to the accident scene Monday but did not examine Green then. Later, he was documenting Green's injuries when he noticed the man was breathing.

Green, 29, was taken to Duke University Medical Center in Durham, where he was in critical condition Wednesday.

Several members of the Franklin County emergency medical service have been suspended pending an investigation, said Darnell Batton, the county attorney.

Big money for mummy

WY CASPER, Wyo. — A man is offering \$10,000 for the body of Pedro Mountain Mummy, a tiny set of human remains that were found in Wyoming and have not been seen in public for 55 years.

John Adolphi, of Syracuse, N.Y., said he wants the mummy so it can undergo DNA testing, X-rays and magnetic resonance imaging.

Several photos and many descriptions of the artifact remain. In its seated position, the mummy stands 7 inches tall. If it were to stand up, it would only measure about 17 inches.

Adolphi hypothesizes that modern science would prove that Pedro was an adult at the time of his death — perhaps one of the "little people" spoken of in Arapaho and Shoshone tales.

Forget good behavior

FL TALLAHASSEE — More than 50 inmates face charges and 102 were transferred after a prison brawl in which one guard was stabbed and 11 others were beaten.

The melee at the Alapachec Correctional Institution in Sneads erupted on Monday when a convicted murderer who was being questioned about a homemade knife attacked a guard, authorities said. More guards were sent into the recreation yard, where some of the almost 200 prisoners began attacking them.

Famous voice in jeopardy

NH CONCORD — Doris "Granny D" Haddock, one of the nation's most relentless voices for campaign finance reform, has been silenced by a surgery that could cost her voice.

Haddock, who ran for the U.S. Senate last year and gained national attention by walking across the country to promote campaign finance reform, underwent surgery on her windpipe Thursday.

The 95-year-old Democrat used her well-known New England-tinged voice last year to run against Republican Sen. Judd Gregg, who defeated her 66 percent to 34 percent.

Burke said the surgery was to remove blockage from Haddock's windpipe.

Stories and photos from news wires

Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFN's Web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil>

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9:00 House of House	8:54 Movie *** "No Way Out" (1997) Kevin Costner. A Pentagon job goes bad. A Navy officer on a deadly game.	Movie Right on Target (2003) Drama) Beverly Mitchell, Brie Larson.	Headline News The Chicks Matthews Show	PGA Golf First Open - Third Round. From the Tournament Players Club of Scottsdale, Ariz. (Taped)	Latin Lifestyles Urban Style	Andreae DVD News tells a planet's destiny	
9:30 Animaniacs Nutrition song		Headline News	The Chicks Matthews Show		Fantasy Camp	Headline News	
10:00 Ed, Edd & Eddy		ESPNs News	Beyoncé/Melanie Corpe News		Rocker on the Road	ESPNs News	
10:00 Fillmore (E)		Destinations	Judging Amy "Into the Fire"		Radiolab Saboteur	Judging Amy "Into the Fire"	
11:00 Out There	Movie *** "Above the Rim" (1998) Drama) Ice Cube, Martin Lawrence. Turnout duels the life of a talented young athlete.	Headline News	Big Story Weekend Edition With Rick Warren		Kiss American Festivals		
12:00 The Wizard's Funniest Animals		AFN Live TV News	Movie *** "Tat To Die" (2003, Suspense) Tia Hare. Ed Belasco, Robert Patrick. Four women join forces to bring a serial killer to justice.		The Suzie Oman Show	Movie *** "1st to Die" (2003, Suspense) Tia Hare. Ed Belasco, Robert Patrick. Four women join forces to bring a serial killer to justice.	
12:00 Nick News Special Edition		WWE Smackdown!			College Basketball Texas-EC State at Rice (Live)		
12:30 Happy Days		AFN Live TV News	Scrubs My Hero		This Byrns Buick Alive		
13:00 Movie *** "Honey, I Blew Up the Kid" (1989) Rick Moranis, Maria Starring.	12:47 Movie *** "Big Momma's House" (2000) Comedy-Drama) Ice Cube, Hank Azaria, Mary McCormack.	Movie *** "The Road to the Super Bowl" (2003) Drama) Ice Cube, Hank Azaria, Mary McCormack.	Scrubs My Hero		My Buick Buick Alive		
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16:30 The Wild Thornberrys		11th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards (Taped)	Scrubs My Hero		This Byrns Buick Alive		
17:00 The Fairly OddParents		11th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards (Taped)	Scrubs My Hero		This Byrns Buick Alive		
17:30 Rugrats		11th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards (Taped)	Scrubs My Hero		This Byrns Buick Alive		
18:00 Kraft Bros. Be the Creature		11th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards (Taped)	Scrubs My Hero		This Byrns Buick Alive		
19:00 America's Funniest Home Videos		11th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards (Taped)	Scrubs My Hero		This Byrns Buick Alive		
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Q Can you explain why Russian models like Natalia Vodianova are the hot new thing in fashion? What's happened to the gorgeous Brazilians like Gisele Bündchen? — Tracy Metcalfe, Detroit, Mich.

A Fashion operates with a herd mentality. It's passed out of its "Brazilian moment" and is currently in its "Russian moment." On runways and on the covers of fashion magazines, slim Russian beauties like 22-year-old Natalia Vodianova have replaced sultry types from Brazil. What's the next "moment"? Only God and Karl Lagerfeld know.

Q Showtime is making a TV movie called "Two Blind Mice," about Disney CEO Michael Eisner and Michael Ovitz, whom he hired and then fired with a huge golden parachute. Who will play the two Mikes? — Jack Knight, Pompano Beach, Fla.

A So far, Showtime has only ordered a script — from Frederic Raphael, who co-wrote "Eyes Wide Shut" with director Stanley Kubrick. Casting hasn't started yet, but we think Stanley Tucci would make a convincing Eisner. We welcome readers' suggestions for the role of Ovitz.



NBC

Orbach's final "Law and Order" episodes should get huge ratings.

Q Clive Owen was fantastic in "Closer." He'd make a great James Bond. Has Hollywood looked at this hunk? — Sandra Taylor, Aurora, Colo.

A Hollywood not only has looked, it has made the 40-year-old Brit the top contender to succeed Pierce Brosnan as 007. Is he interested? "If and when I'm offered the role, I'll think about it," Owen told us. "I only deal in concrete issues." Next issue: "Sin City," with Bruce Willis, due out April 1.

Q Enough with Britney and Jessica Know any genuinely talented newcomers who'd rather make music than headlines? — Robin P., San Angelo, Texas

A How about piano-playing siblings from Utah, "The 5 Browns"? Desirae, 25, Deondra, 24, Gregory, 22, Melody, 20, and Ryan, 19, all attended Juilliard. They've played with major orchestras and will release a self-titled CD this week.

Q I read that French President Jacques Chirac is coming to the U.S. to meet with President Bush. Is it a signal that they've patched up their differences? — L.P., Little Rock, Ark.

A No. During the Presidential campaign, Chirac rooted for John Kerry. When Mr. Bush won — and Paris was conspicuously absent from his announced trip to Europe, scheduled to start Feb. 22 — Chirac was forced to swallow his pride. The purpose of his U.S. visit is to see what can be salvaged of Paris' relations with Washington.

Q Now that Kelly Perdew is the new Apprentice, does the previous winner, Bill Rancie, still have a job with Trump? — Dina Tashman, Slate Hill, N.Y.

A Yes. Rancie has three months left of his 12-month apprenticeship. "After that," the Donald tells us, "he'll stay with me or go out on his own. Either way, he too will become a millionaire."

Q I just saw Cavalia, the big-top event with horses, and wondered about one trick rider: Kansas Carradine. Is she from the acting family of the same name? — K.E., Seal Beach, Calif.

A Yes. Kansas, 26, is the daughter of "Kung Fu" and "Kill Bill" star David Carradine, 68. "I fell in love with riding when my dad brought a horse home from a film set," says Kansas, who began trick riding at 11. "I did stunts on films like 'Hidalgo,' but I've waited my whole life for a show like this." Cavalia is now on a nationwide tour.

Q In the '40s, Betty Grable's legs were insured for \$1 million. Are celebrity body parts still insured today? — Rodolfo C., Madera, Calif.

A Yes. Among others, it's reported that the legs of English soccer star David Beckham are insured for \$70 million, Heidi Klum's gams for \$2 million and Bruce Springsteen's vocal cords for \$6 million. But Jennifer Lopez denies rumors that her derriere is covered for \$27 million.

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Buena Vista Pictures

Could it be King Arthur one minute, James Bond the next for moody English hottie Clive Owen?



British soccer star David Beckham, right, and model Heidi Klum, far right, have something in common besides their enviable good looks — rumor has it, their legs are insured for millions.

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Invite British charities, too

So, the Americans are going to do something to show their appreciation to the local British community ("RAF Mildenhall to host community day instead of Air Fete," Jan. 22).

Big deal. It appears the whole event is going to be handled by the 100th Services Squadron. All the concession stands will be raking in money for Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the individual base squadrons who are participating.

Don't get me wrong—I'm all in favor of squadrons raising money, because they have some very worthwhile causes and there's nothing that should discredit that. But what about the British community? They have worthwhile causes, too. And this community is going to make up the bulk of the visitors on the day, scoffing American hamburgers and hot dogs and paying for it with pounds and pence. And holy mackerel, they even get to listen to "free music."

If the base wants to "beat down those walls that have gone up around RAF Mildenhall," why don't they voluntarily get on the phone to all the local British charities who could benefit from a 25,000-person turnout, and invite them to set up their own charity concessions. And let the charity set up its stall free of charge.

Let's see if the base truly wants to do something for the community. If the base is going to give away free hamburgers and hot dogs, I stand corrected.

Paul DesJardins

RAF Mildenhall, England

Join infantry for a CIB

I'm getting tired reading about service-members whining about getting a combat award.

The only ones I'm aware of who are allowed a Combat Infantryman Badge are 11Bs in an infantry unit. I do know of 11Bs who are not in those types of units but day in and day out go "outside the wire" on the phone to salesmen. These guys can go for days without seeing any action. On other days, they tell of being shot at and having to shoot up vehicles because the drivers try to enter their con-

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voys. Not knowing if these drivers are hostile or not, they do what they must to keep their convoys safe. These soldiers should be allowed a CIB, if they are 11B. If they are not, then they don't deserve it.

I am a military policeman. My job takes me "outside the wire" occasionally and, so far, I have not been fired upon. I am not in an MP unit, but if I were to come into contact with insurgents, I would not expect to get a CIB. If I wanted one, I would have enlisted into the infantry.

If the Army comes up with a combat award for any military occupational specialty to receive because of hostile fire, I would accept it. But until that time, I will do my job to the best of my ability.

I'm not complaining about not getting one. However, I am complaining about the crybabies who want one but don't qualify. If you want it, transfer to an infantry unit.

Sgt. Kenneth Hallstrom
Baghdad

Thanks to 171st Aviation

I would like to express my thanks to the pilots and flight engineers of Company H, 171st Aviation and their support battalion, the 6-52nd Aviation Battalion.

These soldiers have made our day as liaison officers for the 298th Corps Sup-

port Battalion and the 620th CSB a lot easier. Their dedication and professionalism were evident always and made it my pleasure to work with them on a daily basis for the past five months in Iraq.

That the servicemen were hard-working and industrious and willing to accept last-minute changes to loads and personnel made our mission of moving passengers and gear all the easier.

In the Corps we said "Fair winds and following seas," but I am sure these hard-working folks would rather hear "Calm seas and steady tail winds."

If you're ever in West Virginia, look me up. I owe many of you a cold brew and a steak. C-23s rock!

Staff Sgt. Vande Burgt
Anaconda, Iraq

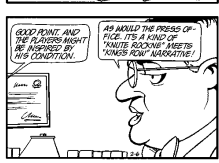
Stop the benefit shuffle

I would like to comment on the Wall Street Journal article "Vets' benefits put squeeze on DOD spending" that appeared in Stars and Stripes (Jan. 29).

Thirty years ago, my husband retired from the U.S. Army. At that time, military retiree and survivor benefits weren't an issue. In fact, during our active-duty time in the military we didn't hear too much complaining about anything. During our 30 years associated with the military, my husband was normally on duty during Saturday, Sunday and a lot of holidays. There wasn't much time to complain because the military was about mission and taking care of those serving and those who served. I never heard anyone talking about a three-day weekend or being off for a training holiday.

Today I find that those complaining about military retiree benefits are people I consider self-servers, or those looking for self-recognition. There's plenty of ways to save money and still support those who served. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld stated that the government had layers and layers of civilian employees shuffling the same paperwork. Maybe we need to stop the shuffling and get down to business.

Linda M. Moore
Seoul, South Korea



OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

Good vote mutually beneficial The Frederick (Md.) News-Post

It was not a perfect election. As expected, there were areas where voter turnout was light. And there were instances of insurgent violence. Thirty-five deaths were part of the day, but thirty-five deaths are part of many days in Iraq.

This vote was in reality an act of defiance, a notice to those who are trying to illegally seize power in Iraq that the rank and file of the nation are sick of terrorists, whether they be Saddam Hussein or Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. ...

While the real significance of [last] Sunday's election has yet to be determined, it bodes well for both Iraq and the United States. ...

For the United States, it may be the first real sign that an American presence in Iraq will not be required for many additional years, even decades, to come, as some have been predicting. With this crucial election now history, the United States' best strategy may be to redouble the efforts and resources it is devoting to training Iraq's new army and civil authorities. ...

The sooner the United States exits Iraq the better — for both nations. The one thing that must be avoided is losing all of the hard-won gains ... that have been made since the invasion. That would be counterproductive and unacceptable.

Elections can't cure all ills The Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News

[Last] Sunday's elections in Iraq, which saw a turnout much higher than anyone expected, were an inspiring stride forward for that country. ...

The participation of millions of voters despite deadly threats from terrorists is a shining example of courage that may send shock waves through powerful Arab oligarchies. ...

With more elections planned before the end of the year to select new leaders under a new constitution, Iraq seems well on its way toward self-governance. Yet for all the importance of the events Sunday, Iraq is far from out of the woods. One of the major concerns is Sunni minority's lack of participation in the election. ...

No Iraqi government can hope for legitimacy as long as foreign military forces continue to occupy it. For Iraq to prosper, to flourish, America and its allies must leave. It'd be shameful if America decides to do that prematurely, and it'd be disastrous if Iraq's leaders demand it before they are ready to accept the burden of government themselves. Yet the worst possible postelection scenario would be if President Bush interprets the big turnout as a mandate for American forces to remain in the country indefinitely. ...

Deficit strategy insufficient Dayton (Ohio) Daily News

With the White House estimating that the Iraq war costs more than \$11 billion a week, the annual deficit for this year is now expected to be about \$427 billion. ...

There are lots of reasons to be worried about deficits, some better than others; some clearer, some more theological. For one thing, this country's inability to control its budget deficit (or, for that matter, its trade deficit) is said to be weakening confidence in the dollar and in the country's economy, as the dollar's decline relative to other currencies. ...

Meanwhile, the administration has enacted an expansion of Medicare. It is pushing for a change in Social Security that would have enormous expenses on the front end. It



wants to extend the temporary tax cuts it enacted in the president's first term. And it has no higher priority than Iraq.

If there's a deficit-reduction strategy, it seems to be to rely on luck, in the form of a good economy and the opportunity to withdraw some troops from Iraq. In the eyes of the world, it's a strategy that amounts to nothing — except talk.

Cast out acts that hurt fishing The Times-Picayune, New Orleans

A recreational fishing group is trying to enlist President Bush's help in protecting redfish in the Gulf of Mexico from the damage posed by Shell US Gas & Power LLC's redfish terminals and the president should listen to its concerns.

The Coastal Conservation Association, which represents 60,000 fishers in Louisiana and Texas, wants LNG terminals in the Gulf to use natural gas to warm and vaporize the liquefied natural gas for transport. That method is more costly for companies that operate terminals but better for marine life. The alternative, known as an open-loop system, uses millions of gallons of Gulf water during the warm the liquefied gas, damaging billions of fish eggs and larvae in the process. ...

If two Gulf terminals that have already been approved are joined by a third proposed by Shell US Gas & Power LLC, redfish landings in Louisiana could decrease by 25 percent, according to scientists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency. Recreational fishers aren't the only ones who would be affected. Redfish is also an important species for commercial fishers, restaurants and cooks in Louisiana. Federal agencies need to look out for their interests when deciding what companies should be allowed to do in the Gulf of Mexico.

Ready for new shuttle flights? Florida Today, Melbourne

In the perilous realm of human space-flight, you don't get second chances. One mistake, one bad decision and the result can be disaster.

It's the bottom-line point that needs to be remembered ... as NASA and the nation mark the second anniversary of the shuttle Columbia accident and the loss of its seven astronauts as they headed home to Kennedy Space Center. ...

The 24 months since then have been a head-spinning mix of trauma and hope for the agency: trauma in the accident and the

revelations of the errors and deep institutional flaws that caused it, and hope in its giving birth to NASA's new moon-Mars quest.

Yet with Discovery's liftoff just four months away, we remain deeply concerned that NASA is fixed on the May launch even though it still hasn't proven that all the required technical and program improvements have been put in place and are solid. ...

Force drug companies' hand The Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal

Millions of Americans, especially seniors, are understandably fed up with the high cost of prescription drugs. Many aren't waiting for long-promised changes in the law — they are finding ways to place orders through Canadian pharmacies, sometimes with the help of local governments, to obtain less expensive medicines.

The Bush administration has opposed opening the nation's borders to prescription drugs, saying the safety of imports cannot be guaranteed. But that ignores the reality that so many Americans are going this route anyway, with no federal oversight.

A bipartisan group of Senate and House members wants to change that. It has unveiled legislation that would allow Americans to legally import some prescription drugs from Canada and two dozen other industrialized countries. ...

Sensing Congress is inclined to do more, 10 major pharmaceutical companies recently announced they will lower the prices of certain drugs for low-income people who are uninsured. ...

The pharmaceutical companies can be pressed to do more — but Congress and the courts should push them on behalf of Americans struggling to pay for their medicines.

Opinions aren't a commodity The Times Herald-Record, Middletown, N.Y.

Yet another syndicated columnist has been discovered on the Bush administration payroll helping to promote one of its policies. If this keeps up, the president's going to have to create a Cabinet post just for a secretary of propaganda.

The president says he has ordered his Cabinet to cease hiring supposedly independent

commentators to promote his policies. Bush said, "Our agenda ought to be able to stand on its own two feet."

No question, but since this White House's propensity for spin control on all sorts of important issues, one can't help but be bemused at the administration's belated efforts at distancing itself from anything smacking of propaganda. ...

The problem here ought to be self-evident. It is wrong and probably unlawful for the government to use taxpayer dollars to try to gain support for its policies by hiring reporters or columnists to provide positive accounts of some government policy or to produce what appear to be independent news accounts for the same purpose. ...

For the White House, not knowing that the purchasing of opinions from commentators whose views are supposedly reached independently is a bigger problem.

SBC effort has familiar ring San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News

For consumers, the future of telephone, Internet and even television service will be shaped in large part by two opposing forces: mergers, which typically reduce choice for consumers, and innovation, which expands it. ...

More than any other event so far, the planned buyout of AT&T by SBC Communications symbolizes the ascendancy of mergers as the principal force shaping the industry, and that may leave consumers in a bind.

SBC, along with six other Baby Bells, was created 21 years ago by the breakup of AT&T. Now, the offspring is swallowing its former parent.

Besides being a dominant force in local and long-distance service, it's a powerful player in broadband Internet service, and a growing force in television, through partnerships with satellite-TV firms. Its 60 percent ownership of Cingular Wireless makes it a leader in the cell-phone business as well.

The other Bells, while smaller, also offer a similarly broad menu of services. Only the cable firms, which have recently made a push into telephone service, can provide comparable products.

There's nothing wrong with face sufficient competition. The risk that consumers face, however, is that a frenzy of mergers will quash competition before innovative firms gain a foothold in the marketplace. ...

It these trends continue, American consumers will end up with more technologies and services to choose from, but fewer choices of providers. That ... could leave consumers at the mercy of ever rising prices.

YOUR MONEY

Popular tax services now free for everyone

BY TOM HERMAN

The Wall Street Journal

In an unusual departure for the \$1 billion tax software and online tax-preparation industry, makers of the nation's two best-selling programs are giving away free software and electronic-filing services to anyone who wants them.

The move to make the software free to everyone is the latest twist to emerge from a deal the Internal Revenue Service cut in late 2002 with numerous tax-preparation companies.

The IRS, which has been trying to encourage more people to file electronically, promised not to provide its own free service during the term of the pact. In return, members of the alliance were required to offer free services, via the IRS Web site, to at least 60 percent of the nation's taxpayers.

Since the program's inception, nearly all such offers were limited to people who met certain income, age or other restrictions. It has expanded this year amid growing industry competition to attract more users for both federal and state software.

In all, a total of 19 Web-based versions of federal tax-prep and electronic-filing programs are available free through the IRS.

Some businesses still restrict the free services based on such factors as income or age. But others — including the two biggest services, Intuit Inc., maker of TurboTax, and H&R Block, maker of TaxCut — are offering free services to everyone.

Nearly all of the free offers are only for federal returns. Most people still will have to pay for software or electronic filing of state returns, and companies in the alliance hope to capture some of that business. Some companies also may use this as an opportunity to sell other financial services.

Not surprisingly, there has been some grumbling in the industry about giving away tax-preparation software. Tim Gokey, president of H&R Block's U.S. tax unit, says the firm believes unrestricted free filing runs counter to the original intention of the so-called Free File Alliance between the IRS and the industry. But he adds, "we changed our offer from \$34,000 per year adjusted gross income to unlimited free filing to remain competitive."

Keep in mind ...

■ If you are considering road-testing any of the free services, be sure to go to the services through the IRS Web site. Don't go directly to a company's site, or the service might not be free.

■ There are 19 software programs, including versions of TurboTax and TaxCut, available free through www.irs.gov.

■ Taxpayers with complicated returns may need to purchase higher-end software or see a tax pro.

■ Intuit's TurboTax and H&R Block software is free only for federal returns, not for state returns.

■ Some companies limit their offer based on income or other factors.

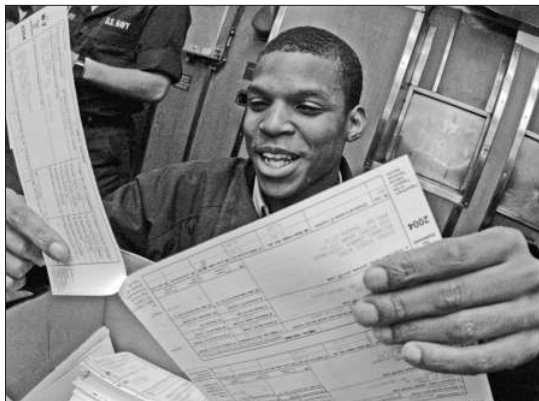
— The Wall Street Journal

In addition, the free programs aren't necessarily suitable for higher-income investors with complex returns and a desire for advice on how to minimize their taxes. "I hope I'm not deluding myself, but most of our clients are not do-it-yourselfers," says Richard Rappell, chief executive of Rappell & Rappell, certified public accountants and consultants in Palm Beach.

IRS officials emphasize they aren't endorsing any of the members of the alliance, but that members do have to meet certain IRS standards, notably security and privacy. For the full list of offerings, see the IRS Web site (www.irs.gov), which provides links to the participating firms.

The offer comes as millions of early birds are getting ready to file their returns in hopes of collecting their refunds as quickly as possible. Last year, the IRS received more than 48 million returns by the end of February.

The number of people using the Free File program has increased rapidly. Last year, taxpayers filed about 3.5 million returns through the program, up from 2.8 million in the 2003 filing season, says Bert DuMars, director of electronic-tax administration at the IRS in Washington. The expanded services are expected to significantly increase the number of people who use the



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Disbursing Clerk Seaman Marcellus Russell of Orlando, Fla., sorts W-2 forms Wednesday for personnel aboard the USS Kitty Hawk, which is currently in port in Yokosuka, Japan.

software and who file electronically rather than by mail.

IRS officials say they are aware there is irritation among some tax professionals. "You hear a few complaints once in a while," says DuMars. "But the fact that the number of taxpayers who use paid preparers continues to grow while the Free File program is growing indicates a need for both types of services."

Intuit spokeswoman Julie Miller says revenue from TurboTax (www.turbotax.com) in the year ended July 31 rose about 16 percent from the previous year. Miller says the free TurboTax version is "virtually the same" as the "basic" TurboTax version, "except it doesn't allow you to transfer last year's tax data into this year's return."

Tom Linafelt, an H&R Block spokesman, says the company's free offering this year isn't identical to its "standard" TaxCut product but, instead, is a version of its online offering at its Web site, www.hrblock.com.

More money sought for audits

The president's budget, to be released next week, will request an additional \$500 million for IRS "enforcement activities," the Treasury Department said. The increase would give the IRS "additional resources to examine more tax returns, collect past-due taxes and investigate cases of tax avoidance."

If approved, that amount would represent a 7.8 percent increase in funding from fiscal 2005. The Treasury said Congress approved about \$6.39 billion for IRS enforcement in fiscal 2005. The president's fiscal 2006 budget will request about \$6.89 billion.

Enforcement "more than pays for itself," IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson said.

"Particularly in a period of deficit reduction,

funding IRS enforcement is a wise investment."

Tax talk for professionals

Check out "Tax Talk Today," a monthly Web-cast program (www.taxtalktoday.tv) with IRS officials and private-sector specialists. Recent sessions have included one on getting ready for this year's filing season.

"Tax professionals can watch the program for no charge to learn about new developments in tax administration, or can earn CPE (continuing professional education) credits for a fee," says Ellen Murphy, IRS executive producer for the program. She says the program is interactive and each can be viewed for a year after its broadcast date.

From The Wall Street Journal



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Ditching paper forms and e-filing is easier this year thanks to a deal between the IRS and tax preparation companies. Free filing options are available at the IRS' Web site, www.irs.gov.

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BY ANDREW DAMPF
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BORMIO, Italy — Bode Miller became the first American to win the men's downhill in the Alpine World Ski Championships on Saturday, and teammate Daron Rahlves was second in this signature event for an overpowering show by the U.S. team.

Miller, winner of last weekend's super giant slalom gold medal, confirmed his status as the top all-around skier. The overall World Cup leader was the third skier down the slope, and no one finished within a second of his time of 1 minute, 56.22 seconds until Rahlves, who started 18 spots later.

The two Americans gave the United States its first 1-2 finish in any event in skiing's world championships.

"To be one and two at the world championships for any team is great, but for the U.S. it's phenomenal," Miller said. "It means even more to be on the podium with Daron than to win it alone."

Rahlves was 0.44 seconds behind Austria's Michael Walchhofer, the 2003 world downhill champion, settled for bronze, 0.87 back.

"Daron is an inspirational skier," Miller said. "He's got a lot of heart and a lot of grit, especially at the world championships."

While Bill Johnson won the Olympic downhill in 1984 and Tommy Moe repeated the feat 10 years later in the Lillehammer Games, no American man had captured the gold in the glaucous race in a world championships.

Miller ended a strong run by Austria, which had won every world championship downhill dated to Hermann Maier's victory in 1999 in Vail, Colo. The worlds are not held during Winter Olympic years.



American skiers Daron Rahlves, left, and Bode Miller celebrate their 1-2 finish in the men's downhill on Saturday at Bormio, Italy. Miller won his second gold medal of the Alpine World Ski Championships.

Strategy played a large part in Miller's victory. By deliberately posting a slow time in Friday's first training, which determined the race's starting order, Miller started early and could attack a clean course while later skiers faced varying conditions.

Miller, who lost a ski in Friday's combined race, mastered the race's starting order, Miller started early and could attack a clean course while later skiers faced varying conditions.

"It worked out exactly the way I hoped," Miller said. "For some

guys it wouldn't have been so great, but for me it was perfect."

The skier from Franconia, N.H., began his career as a slalom and giant slalom specialist and has become a top speed skier only this season, winning two World Cup downhill starts in the winter. Until the worlds, he had been in something of a slump, going winless since taking a slalom in Sestriere, Italy on Dec. 13.

Now he has two golds and a chance for more medals in the giant slalom, slalom and the new

team event that concludes the championships Feb. 13.

"I'm super proud of what Bode has done this year and today," Rahlves said. "This is the first year we've trained together and he's got a lot of intensity like I do, so it's fun to bang heads and mix it up on the hill."

Overall skiers made up time on Miller in the last few hundred meters but were too far behind Rahlves, wearing the No. 2 bib, came closest.

"I was definitely ready to put one down today," Rahlves said. "It was a lot bumpier today, so you know you're going to make some mistakes."

The five Austrians in the race were among the final elite skiers to start. First came Johann Grugger, winner of a World Cup downhill on this hill in December. He finished ninth.

Walchhofer was next in the No. 27 starting position and trailed by 0.39 at the third checkpoint, but he lost more time just before the finish.

Walchhofer said a pebble lodged in his binding.

"I could have won if I didn't have such problems," he said.

Werner Franz, whose first World Cup downhill victory came at Val d'Isere this season, finished eighth. Reigning Olympic downhill champion Fritz Strobl, who started 30th, started well but had to settle for fourth.

The last Austrian that Miller had to watch was Maier, the four-time World Cup overall champion. Maier crashed during Friday's training session and thus didn't earn a top-30 starting position. Going out 31st, he was on Rahlves' pace at the midpoint before falling behind and finishing 17th.

Only then, more than a half-hour after his run, could Miller rejoice.

World Championships

Men's downhill	
Bormio, Italy	
Sleeve course (0.975 miles)	
Rank	Name
1.	Bode Miller, United States, 1:56.22, second
2.	Daron Rahlves, United States, 1:56.66
3.	Michael Walchhofer, Austria, 1:57.09
4.	Fritz Strobl, Austria, 1:57.17
5.	Bruno Kernen, Switzerland, 1:57.25
6.	Dider Delidger, Switzerland, 1:57.37
7.	Alain Lind Svindal, Norway, 1:57.38
8.	Andreas Hoffmann, Switzerland, 1:57.40
9.	Johann Grugger, Austria, 1:57.52
10.	David Poissin, France, 1:57.53
11.	Finlay Mickel, Britain, 1:57.53
12.	Florian Eckert, Germany, 1:57.65
13.	Juerg Gruenfelder, Switzerland, 1:57.67
14.	Kurt Sulzenbacher, Italy, 1:57.79
15.	Kristian Ghedina, Italy, 1:57.86
16.	John Kucera, Austria, 1:57.90
17.	Hermann Maier, Austria, 1:57.95
18.	Maas Raulfer, Germany, 1:57.99
19.	Manuel Osborne-Paradis, Canada, 1:58.00
20.	Andrei Jermian, Slovenia, 1:58.02
21.	Justin Johnson, United States, 1:58.10
22.	Erik Guay, Canada, 1:58.28
23.	Wetzel Andre Amund, Norway, 1:58.31
24.	Peter Fill, Italy, 1:58.39
25.	Marco Buechel, Liechtenstein, 1:58.59
26.	Blarne Solbakken, Norway, 1:58.63
27.	Alessandro Fattori, Italy, 1:58.82
28.	Werner Franz, Austria, 1:58.82
29.	Yannick Bertrand, France, 1:59.51
30.	Jeff Hume, Canada, 1:59.57
31.	Pierre-Emmanuel Dalcin, France, 1:59.58
32.	Patrik Jaeryn, Sweden, 1:59.81
33.	Lasze Kuc, Norway, 2:00.07
34.	Alex Antor, Andorra, 2:02.34
35.	Jeff Hume, Canada, 2:02.40
36.	Bore Zakouril, Czech Republic, 2:02.40
37.	Florentin Daniel Nicolaie, Romania, 2:02.40
38.	Hubert von Hohenlohe, Mexico, 2:02.40
39.	Nikolay Skribulin, Ukraine, did not finish
40.	Alexander Khroslov, Russia, Roger Norberg, Sweden, and Mark Bank, Czech Republic, did not finish

Medals table

After five of 11 events in the Alpine World Ski Championships	
Country	Gold
United States	2
Austria	1
Sweden	0
Croatia	0
Italy	0
Norway	0

Mickelson's 60 worth a share of FBR Open lead

The Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Phil Mickelson, playing in the city he long called home, birdied the final two holes to complete an 11-under-60, tying the course record and vaulting into a share of the lead in the FBR Open.

Mickelson, who now lives in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., finished one stroke shy of the PGA Tour record for 18 holes — 59, shared by Al Geiberger, Chip Beck and David Duval. The Moose champion is the 16th player to shoot 60.

Halfway through the 72-hole event, Lefty shared the lead at 109-133 with 21-year-old Kevin Kisner, the youngest player on the PGA Tour.

It was the lowest round for Mickelson in an official PGA Tour event, bettering his third-round 61 on the way to winning the 2001 Greater Hartford Open. He shot a 59 last Nov. 24 in the non-official PGA Grand Slam. Mickelson tied the course

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record for the tournament formerly known as the Phoenix Open set by Grant Waite in 1996 and matched by Mark Calcavecchia in 2001.

Mickelson, seeking his 24th tour victory and first of 2005, had nine birdies and an eagle on the 7216-yard Tournament Players Club course, where he won in 1996.

No progress in NHL talks

NEW YORK — After 13 hours of talks between representatives of the NHL and the players' association over two days, the sides broke off discussions Friday with no plans to meet again.

Though popular opinion held that this was the last chance to save the season, apparently there's still time to make a deal — but only if the NHL can live without a salary cap, or the players' as-

sociation agrees to accept one. Neither side has shown any willingness to change its position.

The 4½-month lockout reached its 142nd day Friday and has wiped out 775 regular-season games. The remainder of the 1,230-game schedule could be called off within days.

"Despite several media reports to the contrary, we have no intention of making any further announcement relating to collective bargaining or the status of the season at this time," NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly said.

Els three back in Heineken

MELBOURNE, Australia — Last year, Ernie Els took an eight-shot lead into the final round of the Heineken Classic and held on — just — for his third straight win at Royal Melbourne.

This year, he's three off the lead but still likes his chances.

Els shot a 5-under 66 Saturday to trail third-round leader Nick O'Hern of Australia by three

going into Sunday's final round. Only four male golfers, most recently Tiger Woods (Buick Invitational, 2000-2003), have won the same event four times in a row.

"The course is in great shape, it is there for the taking," Els said. "I will be up for it and will have a chance coming down the last nine."

Davenport, Sharapova in final

TOKYO — Top-ranked Lindsay Davenport beat U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsov 6-1, 7-6 (7-2) Saturday to reach the final of the Pan Pacific Open, a tournament she has won four times.

Davenport, the defending champion, will face Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova in Sunday's title match. The second-seeded Russian defeated Shinobu Asagoe of Japan 6-1, 7-6 (7-3) in the other semifinal.

South Korean teen wins

SINGAPORE — South Korea's 18-year-old Song Bo-bee said

Sweden's Charlotta Sorenstrom for her first European tour victory, shot a 3-on-par 75 to win the Samsung Ladies Masters on Saturday.

Song finished at 10-under 206, one stroke ahead of Sorenstrom, who closed with a 71.

U.S. 1-2 in speedskating

MOSCOW — Shani Davis and Chad Hedrick gave the United States a 1-2 overall points finish after the first two men's races in the world allround speedskating championships on Saturday.

Davis led the field with 74,969 points, with Hedrick 0.13 points behind and Sven Kramer of the Netherlands third with 75,917. Japan's Takahiro Ushiyama was a surprise winner of the men's 500-meter with his personal best of 36.28 seconds. Davis was clocked 36.33 seconds for second and Hedrick was third in 36.65.

Hedrick was also second in the men's 5,000, 1,30 seconds behind Norway's Oystein Grødum. Davis was clocked 1.49, gaining enough points to claim the overall lead.

High school scoreboard

SCORES, FROM PAGE 40

Sigonella 42, Aviano 26 (Friday at Sigonella)	8 2 4 12-26 Aviano 2 8 20 12-42
Top scorers —Avi: Kassin Mangosing 9; Sig: Lt. Larry 15, Whitney Lynch 10.	
Aviano 13, 12 11 12-48 Sigonella 4 13 14 12-43 (Saturday at Sigonella)	
Top scorers —Avi: Mangosing 14, Katie Corrado 11; Sig: Larry 15, Lynch 10.	
Naples 56, Vicenza 38 (Friday at Naples)	9 5 16 8-38 Vicenza 4 13 14 12-43
Top scorers —Viz: Volanti Stovall 14, Nisha Tava 14, Courtney Evans 6; Nap: Matt Willmer 24, Renna Denno 16, Whitnie Douglas 8.	
Naples 60, Vicenza 22 (Saturday at Naples)	7 2 9 4-22 Vicenza 17 20 10 11-40
Top scorers —Viz: Unavailable; Nap: Wilmer 18, Damon 17, Aquila 10.	
Wurzburgen 28, Hoffenheim 15 (Saturday at Hoffenheim)	5 11 4 8-28 Hoffenheim 5 11 4 8-28
Top scorers —Wzbg: Allison Molsken 8, Candace Cunnaw 7; Hoff: Mayhew 9, Turner 7.	
Wurzburgen 13, Hoffenheim 5 Ansbach 16, Patch 13 (Saturday at Vahlungen, Germany)	15 17 12 11-55 Patch 15 17 12 11-55
Top scorers —Wzbg: Hahn 16, Britton 12, Johnson 11; Patch: Kasy's Laila 13, Heather Hall 12, Nicole Anderson 10.	
IV—Patch 33, Ansbach 7	

Wrestling

Baumholder octagonal (Saturday)	
Team scoring—Bilburg 52, Heidelberg 49, Merveth Hill 20, The American School in London 13, SHAPE 115, Alconbury 9, Baumholder 9, Gieslen 2.	
103 pounds: Chris Torner (Heidi); 2, Ryan Singleton (Bil); 3, Peter McArthur (ASL).	
112: Erik Obermeyer (ASL); 2, Jon Hoffmann (Bil); 3, Shannon (Heidi).	
119-Michael Zachar (Heidi); 2, David Crow (Bil); 3, Jessica Greenough (Bil).	
125: Andrew Moon (Heidi); 2, Michael Walker (Baum).	
130-Adam Johnson (Heidi); 2, Anthony Messina (Bil); 3, Jesse Best (Merv); 4, William McArthur (Heidi).	
135-James Duques (McArthur); 2, Simon Arnold (Bil); 3, David Johnson (Heidi); 4, Chris Brew (Baum).	
140-1, Devon Gardner (Bil); 2, Andrew Hoff-	

man (Heidi); 3, Jamie Watts (Bil); 4, Michael Smith (Baum).

145-1, Kyle Lucas (Alc); 2, Jeremy Brady (Heidi); 3, David Villanova (Bil); 4, Ian Lange (Heidi).

152-1, Jordan Yakana (Heidi); 2, Renad Simmons (Bil); 3, Andrew Alcott (Heidi); 4, Alex Higgins (ASL).

160-Andrew Zachar (SHA); 2, Elliot Bolt (Heidi); 3, Jonas Jensen (Bil); 4, Luis Alvin (Alc).

171-1, Rex Ely (Heidi); 2, Doug Bagnall (Alc); 3, Lance Hoffman (Bil); 4, Jerrold Rung (Gies).

180-1, Matthew Domke (Gies); 2, Phillip Johnson (Heidi); 3, John Fitzgerald (SHA); 4, Ignacio Sisco (Bil).

215-1, Richard Rendon (SHA); 2, Brandon Simmons (Heidi); 3, Alex Lacharis (ASL); 4, Michael Brown (Gies).

220-1, Michael Brown (Gies); 2, Jason Stanley (Baum).

Wurzburgen heptagonal
(Saturday)

Team scoring—Unavailable. Teams participating were: Bamberg, Hanau, Hoffenheim, Wiesbaden, Völs, Wiesbaden and Würzburg.

103 pounds-1, Anthony Davis (Wzbg); 2, Tori Fortunato (Rams); 3, Robert Decario (Wies); 4, Chris Spencer (Wies).

125-1, Jordan Borina (Rams); 2, Benjamin Gill (Rams); 3, Keds Rowell (Wies); 4, Ryan Barry (Wzbg).

114-1, Daniel McElroy (Bamb); 2, Ryan Gough (Rams); 3, Kris Higgins (Wies); 4, Matt Cables (Hei).

125-1, Noah Sheppard (Rams); 2, Stephen One (Hau); 3, Justin Salmeron (Bamb); 4, Brandon Foster (Wies).

130-1, Kent Norris (Rams); 2, Peter Logan-Espinosa (Hau); 3, Bobby Bohm (Viel); 4, Randall Brackett (Wies).

135-1, Jesse Painter (Wzbg); 2, Steven Pott (Wies); 3, Damien Odum (Hei); 4, Daniel Herring (Baum).

140-1, Michael Kane (Bams); 2, Phillis Turner (Wies); 3, Nate Apodoca (Hoi); 4, David Fetter (Wies).

145-1, Tony Gagnon (Wies); 2, Karl Saugier (Rams); 3, Alex Crona (Hoi); 4, Gabriel Williams (Hau).

150-1, Logan Balfour (Rams); 2, Matt Apodoca (Hoi); 3, Adam Worrell (Bam); 4, Kevin Gray (Wies).

160-1, Matthew Alexander (Wies); 2, Sean Hise (Wzbg); 3, Joel Smith (Rams); 4, Patrick Van Fleet (Hoi).

175-1, Chad Abramson (Rams); 2, Robert Fleck (Wzbg); 3, Paul Hurley (Wies); 4, John Christensen (Wies).

189-1, Chad Abramson (Rams); 2, Jim Curtis (Wzbg); 3, Zach Mellillo (Wies); 4, Jeff Surps (Wies).

215-1, Cole Massey (Rams); 2, Terence Smith (Hau); 3, Nick Pettit (Rams); 4, Chris Gies (Wies).

275-1, James Horst (Rams); 2, Greg Surps (Wies); 3, Jeff Carraux (Wzbg); 4, Raymond Batton (Wzbg).

Rota boys make impression

Stars and Stripes

If first impressions count for anything, come Rota in the hunt for the European Division III basketball championship.

"Based on what I have seen and heard, Rota needs to be considered for one of the top two seeds in the Division III tournament," London Central coach Alan Camp said Saturday after watching the Admirals hammer Alconbury 74-39 on Friday and the Bobcats 63-41 on Saturday.

The two games were Rota's first this season against DODDS-Europe schools.

Eric McMillan scored 22 points on Friday and 13 on Saturday for Rota, which also got good production from Jason Allard (17 and 18), Gilbert Mendez (11 on Friday) and Joseph Casey (12 on Saturday).

In other boys games of note on Friday and Saturday:

Aviano clinches league crown

At Sigonella, Italy, Aviano nailed down the American Schools in Italy League championship with a road sweep that capped an unbeaten ASIL season.

Dustin Miller scored 28 points and Tony Williams 20 on Friday as the Saints romped 76-46. The two reversed position in Saturday's 71-31 rout, with Williams scoring 25 and Miller 21.

Aviano, 12-0 overall, completed its ASIL season 7-0. Sigonella fell

to 5-5 and 2-3 in league play and hosts Livorno this weekend.

Hanau sweeps Falcons

At Vilseck, Germany, Hanau swept the Falcons 62-53 and 66-50 to keep its D-II record perfect going into Friday night's game against visiting Mannheim, also undefeated in D-II play.

All-Europe Marcus Fontanez scored 10 points on Friday, then came back at Saturday's conference game to take scoring and rebounding honors with 21 points and 13 rebounds.

Malcolm Lane scored 26 on Friday and 14 on Saturday to help Hanau improve to 2-0 overall and 5-0 in league play.

Vilseck, which got 19 points from Aaron Vernon and 14 from Rodney Morgan on Saturday, is 7-3 overall and 4-2 in the league.

Mannheim rules the road

In the Netherlands and Belgium, Mannheim advanced to 5-0 in D-II with a 63-58 win over AFNORTH on Friday and a 66-52 victory over SHAPE on Saturday.

Desmond Brown led the way against AFNORTH with 17 points, and Reggie Jenkins did the same against SHAPE with 24. Mannheim will take a 9-2 overall mark and 5-0 league record to Hanau on Friday. AFNORTH fell to 3-8 overall and 0-5 in D-II.

Bamberg keeps pace

At Giessen, Germany, Bam-

berg's Carlos Zapata torched the Griffins for 34 points in Friday's 86-67 Division III-South victory, then came back to score 29 more in Saturday's 88-65 triumph.

The sweep left Bamberg, which got 18 points on Friday and 16 on Saturday from Miguel Lozada, 4-0 in the III-South standings. The Barons are 4-6 overall.

Giessen fell to 2-10 overall and 1-5 in III-South despite 19 points on Saturday from Charles Rodgers.

Ansbach keeps III-South edge

At Ansbach, Germany, the home-standing Cougars got 21 points from rising star Taurean Moore on Friday in a 48-29 victory over Hoffenheim that left Ansbach with a 4-6 league record.

The Cougars travel to Black Forest Academy for a pair of games this weekend, then close out their regular season with a home-and-home series against Bamberg Feb. 18-19.

Royals wrap up D-I season

At Lakeside, England, Ramstein dominated the Lancers 53-30 on Friday and 80-55 on Saturday to up its season record to 8-4 overall and 4-2 in Division I.

Allen Weaver, with 14 points on Friday and 15 on Saturday, topped the score sheet both days for Ramstein, which is to close out its regular season with a pair of road games against D-2 foes: Bitburg on Friday and Mannheim on Saturday.

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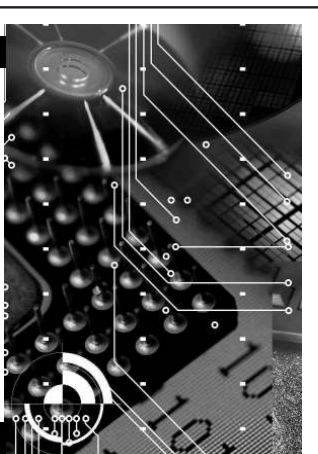
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Marino, Young voted into Pro Football Hall of Fame

BY BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Dan Marino and Steve Young made it a great day for quarterbacks when both were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Marino, the most prolific passer in NFL history, and Young, whose accuracy and speed made him one of football's most versatile QBs, were joined by Bennie Friedman, an early-era quarterback, and Fritz Pollard.

Each received at least 80 percent of the votes from the panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Friedman and Pollard were nominated by the senior committee and chosen by the full panel.

Induction ceremonies will be Aug. 7 in Canton, Ohio.

"It's an incredible honor," Marino said. "It's humbling to think of growing up wanting to be a professional football player."

"Let's overrun Canton with Dolphins fans. I invite you all to Canton and to have some fun."

When Marino left the Miami Dolphins after the 1999 season, he led the NFL with 4,967 completions, 8,358 passes, 61,361 yards and 420 touchdowns. His record of 48 TD passes in a season was broken this season by Peyton Manning.

Although he never won a Super Bowl, Marino was the 1984 league MVP, made three All-Pro teams and nine Pro Bowls. When he retired, he owned 21 NFL marks, including most seasons with 3,000 yards or more passing (13); most yards passing in one season (5,084 in '84, the only year he won a conference championship); and most games with 300 yards or more passing (63).

Young, the first modern-era left-handed quarterback elected, won the 1995 Super Bowl with San Francisco and was the league's most valuable player in 1992 and '94. A clever runner with a strong arm and great field vision, Young made seven Pro Bowls and was a three-time All-Pro. He held the highest passer rating in league history (96.8) when he retired in '99. He also set the highest season rating of 112.8, which Manning also broke this season.

"Not many Hall of Famers come out of Greenwich, Conn.," Young said with a chuckle. "I took a unique road, starting with being left-handed. I had a college coach, LaVell Edwards, who took a chance on a wild, crazy left-handed running quarterback from Connecticut."

Pollard not only was the first

black head coach in the NFL, in 1921, but a superb player, too. A running back, he led the Akron Pros to the fledgling league's 1920 championship with an undefeated record.

He later organized the Chicago Brown Bombers, an independent team of black players that barnstormed the country from 1927-33.

Friedman played for four teams from 1927-34 and was one of the early NFL's great quarterbacks. A contemporary of Red Grange, he also was a strong draw at the box office. Giants owner Tim Mara purchased the Detroit Wolverines, for whom Friedman played in 1928, not only to get him in New York's lineup but to fill the stands.

"We both appreciate and honor the people who played in another era," Young said, speaking for Marino, as well. "You're talking about having a passer for the game. We're here on the backs of so many other players."

"This is important Fritz Pollard and what he meant for the game. There's a foundation there we are able to join arms with."

Michael Irvin and Harry Carson, the other two finalists, did not get the required votes for induction.



Courtesy Willow Grove Air Reserve Station

Maj. James Devere of the Air Force Reserve's 913th Airlift Wing speaks with Hank Fraley, Philadelphia Eagles center, during last summer's unveiling of new Eagles logos on the wing's C-130E tails.

Wings showing true colors for big game

BY LEO SHANE III

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Members of the Air Force Reserve's 913th Airlift Wing have sworn to defend all of America, but this weekend they are rooting against those New England states.

One look at the suburban Philadelphia unit's C-130E aircraft shows why. Emblazoned on each plane just beneath Old Glory sits the Philadelphia Eagles logo, showing that Eagles' green is second in their hearts only to the red, white and blue.

Of course, some true patriots from Westover Air Reserve Base near Springfield, Mass., would never support that color scheme. The planes of the 439th Airlift Wing there have only red, white and blue additions on them, both in the flag and in their beloved New England Patriots logo.

While the two units share a common bond, there was no agreement on how a successful mission in the Super Bowl would end.

Several members of Willow Grove Air Reserve Station's 913th watched regular-season Eagles victories during early morning support shifts in Kuwait, while about 15 of the Westover wing's 42nd Aerial Port Squadron who deployed to Afghanistan last week are rooting for a second straight world championship from the other side of the globe.

"The thing I'll really miss is watching the game at home, because I'd usually be the one having a big party," Staff Sgt. Dan Reese, a Massachusetts native and lifelong Patriots fan, said Thursday. "But they promised us we would be able to watch the game on our Monday morning shifts."

"I've brought a big Patriots flag, and we'll make do and cheer them on from here."

Reese said his unit shipped out just hours after the Patriots AFC championship game win over the Steelers, so he didn't have time to

call and ridicule his Pittsburgh friends before leaving the country.

But he and the other members of the 42nd do have fellow reservist Tech Sgt. Kathy Busch, a loyal Steelers fan, to ridicule.

"They have been riding me since the day we got here," Busch said, laughing. "I'm a die-hard Steelers fan, but I do love the Patriots, too. If I'll be rooting for them."

"But even if I do, they'll still give me grief."

Master Sgts. William Benedetti and George Rummier of the 913th said they put up with a fair amount of ridicule, too. When they deployed to Kuwait, it was with other reservists and active duty units from all over the country.

"There were plenty of people who hated the Eagles as much as we loved them," Benedetti said. "But when we got together to watch a game, we had some guys who could give an E-A-G-L-E-S cheer that just about cleared the room."

Both men primarily worked early morning shifts; Benedetti said he usually caught the first quarter of the Sunday contest before he left for work, and Rummier said he usually finished up in time for the second half.

"I used to be a Giants fan before I started with (the 913th)," Rummier said. "But I showed up on one training day with a New York shirt on, and they worked on me all day. Eventually, they converted me into an Eagles fan."

This year, Super Bowl Sunday is a training day for the 913th, and officers have already promised to let everyone go well before kickoff. Both Benedetti and Rummier said they'll enjoy a game with their families, something they couldn't do during the regular season.

The deployed members of the 42nd Aerial Squadron won't see their families again for four months, but another New England win will help ease some of that homesick feeling.

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Common sense approaches

Belichick and Reid have built teams using same philosophy: Win as team

By Dave Goldberg

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Andy Reid and Bill Belichick have almost nothing in common. And yet Andy Reid and Bill Belichick have almost everything in common.

When Reid's Philadelphia Eagles and Belichick's New England Patriots meet in Sunday's Super Bowl, the similarities will be much more important: Both teams are as well constructed and well meshed as possible in an era when free agency and the salary cap force annual changes.

It's all in the team philosophy, a concept easily preached, less easily followed.

"We understand that no one guy on the team is bigger than anyone else," Corey Simon of the Eagles said this week, a couple of hours before New England's Deion Branch said: "No one cares about individual glory. We're a team, not a collection of individuals."

That applies even to players who don't fit the mold, like Corey Dillon of the Patriots, a maldisciplined in Cincinnati who has thrived in New England, and the Eagles' Terrell Owens, who on Tuesday declared he will play Sunday after being out since Dec. 19 with a severe ankle injury.

Owens is a showboat who calls attention to himself even when he's only prancing on the sideline. But he wanted to leave a declining team in San Francisco because he said to win, which is what the Eagles do: 56-25 in the past five years.

In one way, Owens' injury demonstrates the team concept preached by both coaches.

The Eagles won both their playoff games without Owens, and the Patriots won the second half of the season without their starting cornerbacks, using undrafted rookie Randall Gay and second-year man Asante Samuel as replacements and wide receiver Terrell Owens. Belichick was rewarded for his faith when Brown had three interceptions.

Again, the team approach is working in New England — and Philadelphia.

"T.O. is a piece of the puzzle, not the entire puzzle," Simon said.

That stars can be interchangeable parts isn't an accident with these teams. In 2000, when he caught 21 passes between 2000-2002, was working out at defensive back in training camp in preparation for the very kind of emergency in the secondary that developed. Reid acknowledges he wouldn't hesitate to use a star out of position.

"We just were lucky enough not to have that number of injuries in the same spot," he said. If the outcome were similar, the backgrounds of the two Super Bowl coaches are polar opposites.

Belichick, son of a career assistant coach at New England's elite. He attended the exclusive Phillips Andover Academy (the alma mater of, among others, the late baseball Commissioner Bart Gammit, Humphrey Bogart, Dr. Benjamin Spock and President John F. Kennedy). It was not on to academically challenging Wesleyan University in Connecticut, where he was a 160-pound-center/tight end.

West of Connecticut, a member of the Glendale Junior College Hall of Fame and an offensive lineman at BYU on teams quarterbacked by Jim McMahon. The last time he was in the NFL was in 1986 and 1990 seasons. At 38, he was head coach of the Cleveland Browns, where he was just 37-45 in four years.

Belichick, who was breaking down film of NFL games and opponents before he was a teenager, entered the NFL as a special assistant coach for Detroit in 1975 at age 23.

At 31, he was defensive coordinator of the New York Giants and won Super Bowl rings with them in the 1986 and 1990 seasons. At 38, he was head coach of the Cleveland Browns, where he was just 37-45 in four years.



Andy Reid joined Mike Holmgren's Packers' staff in 1992 and won a Super Bowl in 1997.

Andy Reid coaching record					
Regular Season					
Year	Team	W	L	T	Pct
1990	Philadelphia	10	6	0	.625
1991	Philadelphia	11	5	0	.688
2000	Philadelphia	14	4	0	.778
2001	Philadelphia	12	4	0	.750
2002	Philadelphia	10	6	0	.625
2003	Philadelphia	14	4	0	.778
2004	Philadelphia	14	4	0	.778
Total		74	32	0	.693
Playoffs					
Year	Team	W	L	T	Pct
1990	Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500
1991	Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500
2001	Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500
2002	Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500
2003	Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500
2004	Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500
Total		6	6	0	.500

Bill Belichick coaching record					
Regular Season					
Year	Team	W	L	T	Pct
1991	Cleveland	10	6	0	.625
1992	Cleveland	11	5	0	.688
1993	Cleveland	12	4	0	.750
1994	Cleveland	11	5	0	.688
1995	New England	11	5	0	.688
2000	New England	14	4	0	.778
2001	New England	14	4	0	.778
2002	New England	14	4	0	.778
2003	New England	14	4	0	.778
2004	New England	14	4	0	.778
Total		96	36	0	.727
Playoffs					
Year	Team	W	L	T	Pct
1991	Cleveland	1	1	0	.500
1992	Cleveland	1	1	0	.500
1993	Cleveland	1	1	0	.500
1994	Cleveland	1	1	0	.500
1995	New England	1	1	0	.500
2000	New England	1	1	0	.500
2001	New England	1	1	0	.500
2002	New England	1	1	0	.500
2003	New England	1	1	0	.500
2004	New England	1	1	0	.500
Total		10	10	0	.500

He was fired after going 5-11 in '95, when owner Art Modell announced in midseason he was moving the franchise to Baltimore.

Reid took the more traditional route, climbing the coaching ladder from college to the pros. He went from BYU to San Francisco State to Northern Arizona to Texas-El Paso to Missouri before landing on Mike Holmgren's coaching staff in Green Bay in 1992.

Belichick already had won two Super Bowls by then.

Reid earned a ring as an assistant with the Packers, who beat the Patriots in 1997, when Belichick was assistant head coach to Bill Parcells.

The biggest differences are the two titles in the last two seasons that Belichick won as a head coach. If the Patriots win Sunday, Belichick will become the first coach to win three Super Bowls in four years.

"Given the circumstances, Bill Belichick has done maybe the best coaching job in the history of the NFL," said Jimmy Johnson, who won titles in Dallas after the 1992 and 1993 seasons but quit before the Cowboys secured their third title in 1995 under Barry Switzer.



Patricks Belichick was breaking down film of Navy games before he was a teenager.

As recently as five years ago, no one would have even considered such success for Belichick after his contentious four seasons in Cleveland and the circumstances of his hiring in New England.

He had followed Parcells from Foxboro to New York in 1997 with the provision he would become head coach when the man most thought of as his mentor stepped down. Parcells indeed quit as Jets coach after the 1999 season and Belichick got the job.

He quit a day later. Belichick, concerned about the Jets' uncertain ownership, wanted to go to New England. The Jets fought it, and the Parcells-Belichick relationship was severed.

After negotiations that included a court filing, he ended up with the Patriots for a package of draft picks that included a first-rounder in 2000. When Belichick is asked these days to name his football influences, he never mentions Parcells, for whom he worked the better part of two decades.

At the time, the episode seemed curious.

Why, Patricks owner Robert Kraft was often asked, would he give so much for a coach with a losing record who was acknowledged to be the NFL's most cerebral coach, but not much of a motivator.

"I got to know him the first time he was with us and I thought he was the brightest coach I'd ever met," Kraft said. "I knew all the reservations, but I also knew what I was getting. I don't know that I thought we'd win Super Bowls like we are, but I knew we'd have a play-off game each year."

There were similar questions about Reid, who was 5-11 in 1999, his first year in Philadelphia, when few people knew much about him and he was almost monosyllabic in most of his public interviews.

All they really needed to know was he used the second pick in the draft on Donovan McNabb when there was serious pressure on him to take running back Ricky Williams. With McNabb at quarterback, Reid and the Eagles have made five straight playoff appearances, gone to the NFC title game four straight times and finally got to the Super Bowl this year.

"I wanted a coach who was comfortable with himself, not the kind who always has to think he has to prove something to his players and the public," owner Jeffrey Lurie said. "That was Andy. I think the record proves I was right."

How the Patriots and Eagles match up in the Super Bowl:

WHEN THE PATRIOTS HAVE THE BALL
 Under in their area has been a bad thing for the Patriots this decade. The Patriots have a stud running back, Corey Dillon (28). Although the Eagles' early handling of Atlanta's Tony Stewart in the first round of the playoffs to hold Dillon in check because of what QB Tom Brady (12) can do is a complete mystery. Not that Brady, the MVP of the last two Super Bowls and 8-0 in the playoffs, can be considered anything but a star. But New England will have to minimize the Philadelphia's superb secondary by regularly showcasing the ability of the offensive line forces All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins (20) and the other five starters in the line. Brady will turn to the deepest receiving corps on the team: Terrell Owens (80), Deion Branch (83), David Givens (87), Derrick Burgess (90) and Corey Simon (90) all have taken turns being the main guy up front.

Philly had 47 sacks in the regular season, but the Patriots yielded only 26. If there is no pressure on Brady, thanks to that unheralded offensive line, New England should score plenty of points.

WHEN THE EAGLES HAVE THE BALL
 Unless All-Pro WR Terrell Owens (81) makes a monumental mistake, he is the key to the Eagles' offense. He has the speed, the ankle and leg injuries, his role in the game will be mostly checking. That hasn't put a crimp in Philadelphia's offense, but they have played the Patriots yet.

Belichick (51) has handed out one of the league's best quarterbacks and leaders. He hurt the Eagles with some bad decisions in the games. In the past, but not this season. McNabb has been a disappointment in many ways. Now, though, he faces the mysteries of the New England defense, where he can pop up anywhere at any time.

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Prime-time players

New England has proven performers in the clutch; Philly's seem untested

By BARRY WILNER

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — With the game on the line, the New England Patriots hardly lack clutch players — Tom Brady, Adam Vinatieri, Rodney Harrison. With the game on the line, no one is sure if the Philadelphia Eagles have the kind of performers who could lift them past the defending champions in Sunday's Super Bowl.

Though Philly's track record before this year wasn't promising — three straight NFC championship game flops — the Eagles insist past failures were erased when they won the conference title.

They'd better be correct, because the Patriots simply don't get stressed out, particularly in the Super Bowl, which they've won two of the past three seasons.

"We haven't been to the Super Bowl, but we're battle-tested," said All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins, the leader of a defense that includes one starter who has played in the big game — end Jevon Kearse with Tennessee in 2000. "We've been tested in championship games. We feel pressure year after year and we know how to win in those situations."

They hadn't won in crucial situations, though, until beating Atlanta to avoid becoming the first franchise to lose four straight NFC title games. The Patriots have

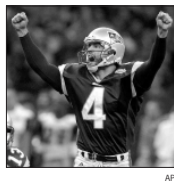
won eight consecutive postseason games with Brady at quarterback and Bill Belichick as coach, and they are seven-point favorites over Philadelphia.

"I don't feel we're at a disadvantage," coach Andy Reid said. "They go in and think they are as good as anybody in the NFL, but they understand they have to prove it every Sunday."

Especially against a team on the verge of being considered a dynasty. Not only are there questions about how the Eagles might perform on such a stage, but there are no questions about how the Patriots will deal with it. They've already successfully displayed their steady nerves and skills under the burning spotlight — twice.



Patriots QB Tom Brady has led two last-minute drives that have resulted in Super Bowl victories.



New England's Adam Vinatieri, 32 years old, has kicked last-minute game-winning field goals in two of the past three Super Bowls.

Which presents Philadelphia with yet another challenge: treating the Patriots with too much respect.

If that happens, they're beaten before they take the field at Alltel Stadium, and Vinatieri won't need to match his last-season Super Bowl-winning kicks. Nor will Brady have to stage any late heroics. Matters will be decided much earlier.

McNabb, echoing Reid's statement, basically told Philly fans not to worry.

"It's a slap in the face" to hear such criticism, the Pro Bowl quarterback said. "But they are the champions. And we have made it, we are here in the Super Bowl. No one can take that away from us."

"Can we win this game? How can you ask anybody that?"

No one is asking the Patriots that. If they play true to their history, not only will they match Vince Lombardi's Green Bay Packers as the only team to win nine straight postseason games, but they will do it dramatically.

Brady will complete critical passes to Troy Brown or David Patten. Harrison will rattle a receiver and force a key drop. Tedy Bruschi will create a turnover. Richard Seymour will get a crucial sack.

We've seen it before. Most everyone outside of Philly expects to see it again Sunday.

"The important thing going into these games, and what I've learned, is you need to be well-prepared," Brady said. "When you're prepared, you're confident going into a game, you're calm. You have the answers to the test."

The Eagles answered just about every test this season, but those were like midterms. New England in the Super Bowl is the final — pass or fail.

So are the Eagles up to winning Philly's first championship since 1960, seven years before the Super Bowl existed?

No less an expert than Belichick knows they can if his team isn't careful.

"They are a very complete team," he said. "They led the NFC wire to wire. I don't think you could do much more."

"They have been running out the clock since the end of November waiting to get it over with, because they had everything wrapped up. They came back and played well against Minnesota and shut down Atlanta."

"There's no question that they not only deserve to be here, they've done about as much as you could possibly do this year as a football team."

The final proving ground is Sunday.

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More likely, as Brady noted, those teammates will stay.

"Anyone who plays on the Pats understands that our goal is a team goal," he said. "You make sacrifices to fit into a general structure of what the team is trying to accomplish."

What the Patriots are trying to accomplish is to equal the Cowboys' three titles in four seasons (1992, 93 and '95) under more difficult circumstances. Just ask Jimmy Johnson, who coached the first two of those championship teams in Dallas.

"Yeah, I think they are a dynasty since the salary-cap era," Johnson said. "I think the job of the coach is to get that organization and his coaches have done might be the best coaching job ever in the history of the NFL. Because when you get free agency and player movement and you've got to get them ready to play not only every year but every week, a different group, you've got to be a pretty good football coach."

Andy Reid has shown he's a good coach, too, getting the Eagles to four straight NFC title games. They finally got past the Super Bowl — first time in 24 years — by beating Atlanta last month.

Even if the Eagles lose Sunday, don't expect them to fade away.

They have \$18 million available to spend, and though six starters are unrestricted free agents — Corey Simon, Jerome Mincy, Jeremiah Trotter, Richard Burgess, Chad Lewis and Ron Ritchie — only losing Trotter would be particularly damaging.

Philly has most of its best players signed to long-term contracts, including Donovan McNabb, Terrell Owens, Jevon Kearse, Brian Dawkins, Lito Sheppard, Michael Lewis and Sheldon Brown.

Kearse was signed as a free agent last year and Owens was acquired in a trade.

Also, the NFL is a mess, with the Eagles far superior to other teams. The Patriots don't have that luxury in the stacked AFC.

Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie styled his organization after such past dynasties as the Cowboys and 49ers. Minus the championships, his franchise is similar to Kraft's.

"We are the two winners teams this decade," Lurie said. "Both invested well over \$500 million in new stadiums. We both hired coaches in an unorthodox fashion — us a non-coordinator, and Bob trading for Bill."

"Both teams are built around franchise quarterbacks. Both are high-character teams. There are a lot of similar value systems for each team. We each place a high value on the quality of people in our organization. And it's a high character, but high intelligence — people who like to think outside the box and people willing to make controversial and unpopular decisions. We both understand that decisions need to be made that sustain the long-term excellence of the franchise."

Most of those decisions have been on target. Even though the Patriots and Cowboys will play Sunday, they could have something else in common next year, and the year after.

More Super Bowl appearances.

Game-by-game results



Philadelphia Eagles



New England Patriots

Regular season (13-3)

	WK	
N.Y. Giants	31-17	
Minnesota	27-16	
at Detroit	30-13	
at Chicago	19-9	
Bye		
at Carolina	30-8	
at Cleveland	34-31	
Baltimore	15-10	
at Pittsburgh	3-27	
at Dallas	49-21	
Washington	28-6	
at N.Y. Giants	27-6	
Green Bay	47-17	
at Washington	17-14	
Dallas	12-7	
at St. Louis	7-20	
Cincinnati	10-38	

Playoffs (2-0)

	RD	
Minnesota	27-14	
Atlanta	27-10	


Regular season (14-2)

	WK	
1 Indianapolis	27-24	
2 at Arizona	23-12	
3 Bye		
4 at Buffalo	31-17	
5 Miami	24-10	
6 Seattle	30-20	
7 N.Y. Jets	15-7	
8 at Pittsburgh	20-34	
9 at St. Louis	40-22	
10 Buffalo	29-6	
11 at Kansas City	27-19	
12 Baltimore	42-13	
13 at Cleveland	24-25	
14 Cincinnati	35-28	
15 at Miami	28-29	
16 at N.Y. Jets	23-17	
17 San Francisco	23-17	

Playoffs (2-0)

	RD	
Indianapolis	20-3	
at Pittsburgh	41-27	

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	OT	TO
	114	142	85	96	3	440
Opp.	54	100	41	89	0	284

	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT
	97	179	116	106	0	498
Opp.	58	97	59	76	0	290

SOURCE: NFL

AP

New England Patriots

No. Player	Pos.	Height	Weight	Exp.
1 Adam Vinatieri	QB	6-0	205	10
5 Robbin Dancy	QB	6-2	245	1
10 Josh Miller	WR	6-4	225	10
12 Tom Brady	QB	6-4	225	10
13 Rodney Harrison	LB	6-2	245	10
21 Randall Gay	CB	5-11	186	1
22 Reggie Wayne	WR	6-2	205	10
24 Eugene Wilson	DE	6-10	195	1
27 Willie Randolph	LB	6-2	245	10
28 Corey Dillon	RB	6-1	225	10
30 Jerod Mayo	LB	6-1	225	10
31 Matt Petric	CB	5-10	182	1
32 Kevin Faulk	RB	6-0	225	10
34 Cedric Collins	RB	6-0	225	10
35 Deion Branch	WR	6-1	210	10
37 Rodney Harrison	LB	6-2	245	10
42 Dexter Reid	LB	5-10	194	1
44 Tully Banta-Cain	LB	6-2	250	1
50 Mike Vrabel	LB	6-4	261	1
51 Don Davis	LB	6-4	251	1
52 Ted Johnson	LB	6-4	261	1
53 Don Davis	LB	6-4	251	1
54 Tedy Bruschi	LB	6-1	247	10
55 Willie Randolph	LB	6-2	245	10
58 Matt Chatham	LB	6-4	250	1
59 Rodney Coleman	LB	6-4	250	1
63 Stephen Neal	DE	6-4	305	10
64 Mike Mularczyk	LB	6-2	265	10
65 Steve Muckewski	G-C	6-2	305	10
66 Jon Paton	LB	6-2	265	10
67 Daniel Koppen	C	6-2	296	10
68 Christian Fauria	TE	6-7	245	10
72 Matt Light	TE	6-4	305	10
73 Kevin Faulk	RB	6-0	225	10
76 Brian Gorin	TE	6-6	308	10
80 Troy Brown	WR	6-4	225	10
81 Brandon Johnson	WR	5-11	200	10
82 Kevin Faulk	RB	6-0	225	10
83 Deion Branch	WR	6-1	210	10
84 David Patten	WR	5-10	180	10
87 David Givens	WR	6-0	215	10
88 Christian Fauria	TE	6-7	245	10
91 Marquise Hill	DE	6-6	300	10
92 Jerod Mayo	LB	6-2	245	10
94 Ty Warren	DE	6-5	300	10
95 Willie Randolph	LB	6-2	245	10
97 Jarvis Green	DE	6-2	290	10
98 Keith Traylor	DT	6-2	340	10
99 Ethan Kelley	DT	6-2	310	10

Philadelphia Eagles

No. Player	Pos.	Height	Weight	Exp.
2 David Akers	K	5-10	200	10
5 Donovan McNabb	QB	6-2	240	10
8 Dick Johnson	QB	6-0	205	10
10 Brian Dawkins	LB	6-1	240	10
11 Jeff Leach	QB	6-1	223	10
12 Brian Dawkins	LB	6-1	240	10
21 Matt Ware	CB	6-2	210	10
22 Dorey Lewond	WR	6-2	200	10
24 Sheldon Brown	CB	6-2	200	10
25 Deon McCalister	WR	6-2	200	10
26 Lito Sheppard	CB	6-2	194	10
27 Dorey Lewond	WR	6-2	200	10
30 J.R. Reed	TE	5-11	207	10
31 Dexter Wayne	WR	5-9	177	10
32 Brian Dawkins	LB	6-1	240	10
34 Ron McMillan	RB	5-10	212	10
35 Brian Westbrook	RB	5-10	200	10
46 Quentin Mikell	DE	6-0	236	10
49 Josh Parris	FB	5-8	204	10
50 Mark Simon	LB	6-2	200	10
51 Nate Wayne	WR	6-0	207	10
53 Hugh Douglas	DE	6-2	281	10
54 Brian Westbrook	RB	5-10	200	10
55 Darnell Wright	DE	6-1	240	10
56 Jamar Jennings	DE	6-2	240	10
57 Keith Adams	LB	5-10	223	10
58 Jamar Jennings	DE	6-2	240	10
59 Mike Labajko	LB	6-0	241	10
60 Brian Westbrook	G	6-2	280	10
65 Jamar Jennings	DE	6-2	240	10
66 Brian Westbrook	RB	5-10	200	10
68 Steve Scellio	G	6-5	325	10
69 Jon Paton	LB	6-2	265	10
71 Jeremy Maury	T	6-4	325	10
72 Alvin Harris	TE	6-4	245	10
76 Alvin Harris	TE	6-4	245	10
78 Hollis Thomas	DT	6-0	306	10
80 Brian Westbrook	RB	5-10	200	10
80 Billy McMillen	WR	6-4	210	10
82 Lito Sheppard	CB	6-2	194	10
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84 Freddie Mitchell	WR	5-11	195	10
85 Jeff Thomas	TE	6-5	255	10
86 Brian Westbrook	RB	5-10	200	10
86 Mike Brumfield	DE	6-4	245	10
87 Jamar Jennings	DE	6-2	240	10
91 Sam Rayburn	DT	6-3	303	10
92 Jamar Jennings	DE	6-2	240	10
95 Jerome McDougle	DE	6-2	264	10
96 Paul Crumrine	DT	6-3	300	10
97 Darwin Walker	DT	6-3	294	10

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A malcontent in Cincy, Dillon's well-adjusted in New England

BY JIMMY GOLEN

The Associated Press

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — He heard himself called a selfish player, a malcontent, a bad teammate. What really got to Corey Dillon was that for the first seven years of his career he never heard anyone call him a winner.

"For years, I really lost hope," the New England Patriots running back said as he prepared to play the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl. "I really thought I'd never get to this stage, but I just kept pressing ... I love going to work and working hard to try to help this organization win."

Dillon had never been in the playoffs before this year, sloping through in Cincinnati, growing dissatisfied with losing and the team's increasing dependence on him to carry the offense. He ran for a then-record 278 yards in a game in 2000, and he had more than 1,100 yards in each of his first six seasons.

But in 2003, his last year in Cincinnati, he injured his groin and grumbled about becoming part of the "Bungles" legacy of losing. He wanted out, and by that time the Bengals were happy to get rid of him. It was almost unfair when the defending Super Bowl champs got Dillon for a second-round draft pick on the Massachusetts holiday called Patriots Day.

Antwain Smith was a steady but unspectacular running back in the league's championship teams, and there was no doubt Dillon was an upgrade. But would he fit the team-first attitude of the New England locker room, where dissension is discouraged and winning plays with your complaints is just not done?

In vetting Dillon with his former teammates, coaches and friends, the Patriots concluded he wouldn't be a problem at all.

"He was a heck of a player with the Cincinnati Bengals, and he's been really good with us," said Scott Pioli, the Patriots' head of player personnel. "All of us have reputations that precede us. So you sit with a person, man or woman, and find out what and who they are for yourself. We try to avoid judging people before we spend time with them."

Dillon was concerned enough about his reputation that he addressed his new teammates when he arrived, asking them to keep an open mind. They did, and Dillon thrived in a system where no player is the focus of the offense in a locker room where no player is treated like a star.

"I was really pretty judgment on me," Dillon said. "I'm pretty sure that it was in everyone's mind: Let's see what this guy is all about and see if the rumors are true. But just right off the bat, everyone

welcomed me with open arms."

He ran for more than 100 yards in nine of 15 games this year — and never for fewer than 79. He missed the biggest game of the regular season, at Pittsburgh, with a thigh injury. Without him, New England ran for 5 yards on six carries and lost to the Steelers on Oct. 31, ending its 21-game winning streak and costing it home-field advantage for the AFC title game.

In his playoff debut against the Colts on Jan. 16, Dillon carried 23 times for 144 yards as the Patriots ran Indianapolis out of the postseason, earning him the nickname "Clock-Killin' Dillon."

"You have to hit him. You have to play sound fundamental football" to stop Dillon, Eagles linebacker Jeremiah Trotter said.

"He is a big guy. He is a guy who will run hard and try to run over you, but he can break the big one. You definitely have to have a lot of guys around him with the football."

And that opens the field for the passing game.

"He's added a great element to this team," quarterback Tom Brady said. "He brings toughness to the offense just by the way he runs the ball, and he's very excited. You can tell in practice."

Even as he distanced himself from teammates and media in Cincinnati, no one ever questioned Dillon's work ethic or his talent. But he recoiled when asked to be a leader in the locker room, and he began complaining when a groin injury forced him to share the job with Rudi Johnson.

After the last game of his final season there, he threw his pads, spikes and jersey into the stands, then cleaned out his locker.

His teammates criticized him, and the Bengals had no choice but to trade him.

Dillon acknowledged he brought to New England "that stigma of being a bad guy in the locker room and being selfish." But he has maintained he was only worn down by year after year of losing.

"I think the thing that irritated me the most was when they said that I was a cancer to the team. That's the kind of ruffled me a little bit," Dillon said. "For a guy that, for seven years, went out and put his heart and soul on that field, and at the end of the day be looked upon as the reason why we weren't successful — that rubbed me the wrong way."

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In his first season with the New England Patriots, Corey Dillon (28) broke Curtis Martin's franchise record for rushing yards in a season, set in 1995.

Patriot missile

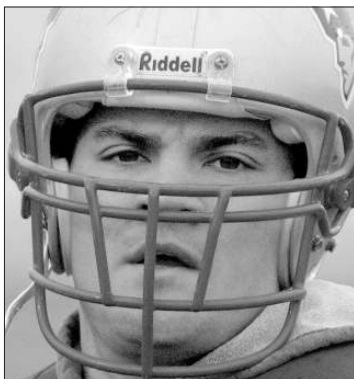
Corey Dillon's career rushing statistics in the NFL:

Year Team	Gms.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
2004 N.E.	15	1,635	4.7	12
2003 Cin.	13	541	3.9	2
2002 Cin.	16	1,311	4.2	7
2001 Cin.	16	1,315	3.9	10
2000 Cin.	16	1,435	4.6	7
1999 Cin.	15	1,200	4.6	5
1998 Cin.	15	1,130	4.3	4
1997 Cin.	16	1,129	4.8	10
Totals	122	9,696	4.4	57

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The face of the Patriots

BY HANK GOLLA
New York Daily News

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The New England Patriots think of themselves as a team, but if there is one individual who personifies that team, it is middle linebacker Tedy Bruschi.

Bruschi never has been to a Pro Bowl in nine seasons in New England, but this is his fourth Super Bowl and third season as defensive captain.

He is one of many Patriots who does everything well. And he is one subject that Bill Belichick has no problem talking about.

"It's huge," he said of Bruschi's presence in the middle of the defense. "Bruschi is a fun player to coach. He's got great versatility, a very high level of energy and enthusiasm that he brings to the team. He's a smart player. He instinctively seems to do everything right in the right situation."

"He's a guy you want on your special teams and he's involved in a lot of situations defensively from subdefense to goal line and all the things in between."

Bruschi never comes up in a discussion of great middle linebackers. He's not Ray Lewis. But Bruschi fits Belichick's blueprint for versatility.

The coach recalled times when Bruschi was put in unfamiliar situations.

"You can't go over everything that happens. You might be standing there, saying, 'We've never gone over this with Tedy.' Well, he almost always does the right thing," Belichick said. "He just knows how to play. He knows how to play with power. He knows how to try to squish people in the pass rush, he knows when to tackle a guy low and when to try to go

for the big hit. He just has a great sense of how to play football."

"Obviously, Tedy is that focus point for us," linebacker Mike Vrabel said. "He's the defensive captain, he calls the signals and makes lot of huge plays. Every week, it's a pick, a fumble ... he's going to do something."

Bruschi is not one of the five Patriots heading to the Pro Bowl (two are special teamers), along with 10 Eagles. Asked if he cared, he said, "Look at me. Do I look like I care?"

"Our identity," he said, "is the word team."

When Bruschi was told he is the personification of that team, he blushed.

"I think that's the highest compliment you can give me," he said. "Because I'm just being who I am and who I was raised to be, a team player. I'm not looking for the spotlight, just looking for how to win."

"We sort of look for guys who can do more than just one thing. Vrabel was a defensive end in college, so was Willie McGinest. To play on this team, you've got to be multi-dimensional because when we're playing out there on Sunday, everything is in our repertoire."

Bruschi was an undersized defensive tackle at Arizona, where he tied Derrick Thomas' career sack record with 52. He was a two-time finalist for the Lombardi Award.

"You look at him and you can't even picture him as a defensive tackle, yet he was one of the best in the country," Belichick said.

But after starting his career on the line (he picked up two sacks in the 1997 Super Bowl) he worked his way into a part-time linebacker spot the next season. By the end of '98, he was a fixture. Now, he's a symbol.

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Westbrook key for Philly offense

Elusive Pro-Bowl running back proves indispensable for Eagles

BY ROB MAADDI

The Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — With each fake and every juke, Brian Westbrook leaves defenders grabbing for air and coaches searching for answers.

The New England Patriots will get a first-hand look at the elusive Pro Bowl running back when they play the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

"He's such a great athlete," Patriots safety Eugene Wilson said. "He can run, he can catch ... he's fast. They do a lot of things with him. We have to be ready."

The versatile Westbrook became one of the NFL's best all-around players in his first season as the Eagles' primary running back. He ran for 812 yards and three touchdowns and led all backs with 73 catches for 703 yards and six TDs in just 13 games.

Not bad for a guy considered to come to be more than just a third-down back in the NFL.

"When people put that label on me, I hear it and I keep going," said Westbrook, generously listed at 5-foot-10 and 205 pounds. "But my ambition and my goals are what drive me."

"I think because of my size and where I went to school, people put that tag on me pretty early without even giving me the opportunity to be a feature running back. I think that was wrong. That's what analysts do, that's what people do. For me, I just have to go along my way and prove them wrong."

The speedy Westbrook set an NCAA record with 9,885 all-purpose yards, including 84 TDs in 46 games, for Division I-AA Villanova. A third-round pick in 2002, he has developed into one of the Eagles' most indispensable players.

With Westbrook sidelined with a triceps injury last season, the Eagles couldn't get past the NFC championship game, their third loss in a row in the title game.

When they finally made it to the Super Bowl on this try, All-Pro receiver Terrell Owens was missing but not Westbrook.

"He's a triple threat just like Marshall Faulk was, the blocker, the catcher, the runner," quarterback Donovan McNabb said, comparing Westbrook to St. Louis' running back and past NFL MVP. "He's very intelligent and able to do whatever it takes to win."

If only he were a few inches taller, Westbrook might have been playing in the NBA instead of the NFL. He grew up excelling in football and basketball, but colleges weren't interested in his sports skills because of his size.

"My dreams got shot down early," Westbrook said.

Still, he insists he can beat McNabb in a one-on-one pickup game.

"He's a pretty good player, but he can't take me," said McNabb, who was a seldom-used guard at Syracuse.

On the football field, Westbrook is difficult to defend because he isn't easy to find. Though he spends much of his



PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER/KRT
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time behind McNabb in the backfield, he is most dangerous when he lines up as a receiver.

Eagles coach Andy Reid sometimes splits Westbrook wide to the right or left, puts him in either slot or lets him go in motion.

The purpose is to create a mismatch, hoping Westbrook is covered by a linebacker or a safety.

If McNabb sees a favorable matchup on Westbrook, he quickly gets him the ball. The result usually is a long gain or a score.

"He can play every position on the field, whether it's the widest position in the slot, next to the tackle, as a split back, as a single back, or an I-tailback," offensive coordinator Brad Childress said. "You don't find many people like that. You see many people put there as decoys. He's able to strike from all those positions."

His versatility is what impresses me the most."

Westbrook could even be used as a punt returner. He returned two punts for touchdowns last season, but wasn't used in that role this year because he's such a valuable member of the offense.

Westbrook is more concerned with New England's defense and a linebacking corps that includes Willie McGinest and Tedy Bruce.

"They're very good linebackers. They're very active, they're good tacklers, strong guys and very physical," Westbrook said. "So we have to do a good job of getting our linemen positioned to get on top of their linebackers. They do a good job of shedding blocks and making plays in the backfield."

"They're a very physical team."

They have big guys who want to get right up in your face. For us, we have to be the aggressor."

Westbrook's success should translate into a bigger paycheck next season. He'll be a restricted free agent, meaning the Eagles can match any team's offer.

With Duke Staley in Pittsburgh and Correll Buckhalter missing two of the last three seasons with injuries, the Eagles can't afford to let Westbrook go and certainly have enough money under the salary cap to keep him.

"He has unbelievable athletic talent," Eagles tackle Jon Runyan said. "He is the kind of guy who can change direction and has the speed. His size makes him a smaller target and it sometimes makes it hard to bring him down. His feet aren't planted in the ground much because he's amazing around people. He is dancing."

Eagles' overshadowed defense one of best in league

BY ROB MAADDI

The Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Jim Johnson spends countless hours studying game films, dissecting offenses, searching for weaknesses and plotting his attack.

The other defensive mastermind in this Super Bowl — New England's Bill Belichick owns the "genius" label — isn't high-profile and his unit is underrated. But Johnson's knack for confusing quarterbacks and shutting down prolific offenses with his complex schemes.

Brett Favre had his worst game of the season in Philadelphia. Daunte Culpepper struggled in the playoffs against the Eagles. Michael Vick never had a chance in the NFC championship game.

Next up is Tom Brady and the Patriots in the Super Bowl.

Johnson, the Eagles' unpredictable defensive coordinator, is busy cooking up another one of his innovative game plans.

"Coach Johnson has the ability to know

what the offense is doing or what blitz call to make," Eagles linebacker Mark Simoneau said Wednesday. "We come from a lot of different places. We drop a lot of different guys into coverage, so it's confusing for the backs and the offensive line. You have to have guys who can execute the game plan and we have talented players here."

Overshadowed by Donovan McNabb, Terrell Owens and the rest of a high-powered offense, Philadelphia's star-studded defense, which includes four Pro Bowl players, is one of the best in the NFL.

When the games mattered, the Eagles had the stingiest defense in the league, allowing 222 points in the first 15. They finished tied with the Patriots for second-fewest points allowed after the reserves gave up 38 in the meaningless regular-season finale against Cincinnati.

"There's a lot to be concerned about with these guys," said Brady, who has been MVP of two Super Bowls.

"They have playmakers at every position. They can force you to turn the ball

over. They are very explosive on defense and you usually don't hear that."

The addition of defensive end Jevon Kearse almost equaled the impact Owens had on the offense. A disruptive force on the line, Kearse significantly bolstered the pass rush. Johnson utilized Kearse's speed by playing him at both end spots and sometimes at linebacker, confounding quarterbacks and the offensive line.

Philadelphia finished second in the league with 47 sacks, including 7½ from Kearse, one of just five Eagles — and the only defensive starter — who have played in the Super Bowl. The Eagles got a lot of sacks from their secondary and linebackers because Johnson likes to blitz just about any player on any play.

The Patriots are getting ready for Philadelphia's aggressive style, though they're aware Johnson will adjust on the go.

If Brady has time to throw, he's going against a secondary that includes All-Pro free safety Brian Dawkins, Pro Bowl strong safety Michael Lewis, All-Pro cor-

nerback Lito Sheppard and cornerback Sheldon Brown, who probably was Philadelphia's most consistent defensive back. Sheppard and Brown quickly earned respect with a strong performance against Minnesota's Randy Moss. They silenced critics who thought the Eagles would miss five-time Pro Bowl cornerback Troy Vincent and nine-year starter Bobby Taylor.

Middle linebacker Jeremiah Trotter solidified the run defense, which had been Philadelphia's only weakness, when he became a starter midway through the season. Trotter, who began the year playing special teams, was so dominant that he earned his third trip to the Pro Bowl after making just seven starts.

Trotter, along with defensive tackles Corey Simon, Darwin Walker, Hollis Thomas and Sam Rayburn, are the key to stopping New England's Corey Dillon, who ran for 1,635 yards and 12 TDs.

Since 2000, Johnson's second year in Philadelphia, the Eagles are first in the NFL in fewest points allowed, sacks, red-zone percentage and third-down efficiency.

Bibb leads Kings' improbable comeback

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Stephon Marbury was a blue-and-orange blur for much of the game, flying past Mike Bibb by a basket after basket as the Knicks pulled away from the Kings.

Bibb might not be the fastest point guard, but he always seems to finish last, and this time, he led on an improbable rally that pushed injury-depleted Sacramento ahead by a nose.

NBA roundup

Bibb scored 15 of his career-high 40 points in the fourth quarter, and Matt Barnes made the go-ahead free throw and two big defensive plays to cap the Kings' night.

Brad Miller had 35 points as the Kings came back from an 11-point deficit in the final 3 1/2 minutes, scoring nine points in the final 48 seconds to clinch the Knicks' defeat. Bibb's absence of three injured starters. Barnes scored 16 points, one shy of his career high, and also stole the ball from Penny Hardaway shortly before time expired.

Bibb and Marbury started a scintillating point guard duel, and much of the sell-out crowd cheered both guards' feuds with equal enthusiasm. Marbury, self-declared best point guard in the NBA, led New York to a comfortable lead with a season-high 37 points on 15-of-49 shooting. The Kings trailed 114-107 with a minute left.

"I wasn't going to give up, I'll tell you that," Bibb said. "We were going to keep fighting until that buzzer went off. I've never had so many comebacks like this. If every body else is unbelievable."

Marbury and Knicks owner James

Dolan looked quite miserable at the buzzer. The Knicks made nearly 62 percent of their shots and outbounded the Kings 46-36 — but this might have been the most disheartening loss in a season full of them.

"This one is more disappointing than all of them," said Marbury, who scored 29 points after halftime, including 18 in the third quarter. "We had them down, and we basically didn't put them down. Mike Bibb played great, the best I've ever seen him play."

Pacers 95, Mavericks 94: Jermaine O'Neal scored 23 points and Anthony Johnson added a season-high 21, including two free throws with 4:16 seconds to go, to help host Indiana snap a six-game losing streak.

The two free throws by Johnson, who did not miss a shot from the field, gave Indiana a 95-92 lead, and he intentionally fouled Dirk Nowitzki to avoid the possibility of a tying three-pointer. Nowitzki made the first free throw but then accidentally banked the second one in after trying to miss in hopes of a rebound.

Raptors 103, Wizards 100: At Toronto, Jalen Rose had 26 points, Rafer Alston scored all 16 of his points in the second half and Toronto overcame a 22-point deficit to take the biggest comeback in franchise history.

Donyell Marshall added 20 points for the Raptors, who also overcame a 22-point deficit in a victory over Washington on April 12, 1996. On Wednesday night, Toronto rallied from a 19-point third-quarter deficit to beat Indiana.

Antawn Jamison had 30 points and 11 rebounds for the Wizards in their season-high fourth straight loss. Bert Ransom had 21 points, before being ejected in the third quarter.

7ers 103, Hawks 85: At Philadelphia,

Allen Iverson had 22 points and 12 assists, and Kyle Korver made five three-pointers and scored 17 points for Philadelphia.

Korver hit four three-pointers in the third quarter then another early in the fourth after the Hawks pulled within single digits.

Celtics 112, Magic 100: Raef LaFrentz scored seven of his 19 points in a 20-4 fourth-quarter run to help host Boston improve to 3-0 against Orlando this season.

Paul Pierce scored 18 points on a 5-for-16 shooting night, Gary Payton added 17 points and Ricky Davis had 16. Steve Francis scored 26 points for Orlando before fouling out with 2:39 to play. Hedo Turkoglu added 22 points.

Bucks 92, Clippers 90: At Milwaukee, Michael Redd scored 32 points, including the go-home basket with 15 seconds left, for the Bucks.

Deshaund Mason added 15 points for the Bucks to help end the Clippers' three-game winning streak and prevent Los Angeles (23-24) from climbing above the 500 mark for the first time in February since the 1992-93 season.

Rockets 119, Timberwolves 113 (OT): Tracy McGrady had 30 points, 13 rebounds and a clutch three-pointer in overtime, and Yao Ming added 23 points and 14 rebounds for visiting Houston.

Sam Cassell had 24 points and 11 assists, but missed a potential game-winner for the Timberwolves at the end of the fourth quarter.

Warriors 90, Hornets 82: Derek Fisher and Michael Pietrus combined for 10 points during a decisive fourth-quarter run, and host Golden State ended a six-game losing streak. Stephen Jackson had 25 points, five rebounds and three assists for Golden State.



Sacramento Kings guard Mike Bibb, center, goes up for the shot against New York Knicks' Nazr Mohammed, left, and Stephon Marbury, right on Friday. Bibb scored a career-high 40 points to lead the Kings.

Pietrus finished with 15 points and seven rebounds, and Fisher added 14 points.

Trail Blazers 101, Bobcats 89: Damon Stoudamire and rookie Sebastian Telfair each scored 23 points to lead host Portland past expansion Charlotte.

Primoze Brezec had 17 points and 17 rebounds for the Bobcats.

NBA scoreboard

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Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	23	18	.561	
Philadelphia	22	17	.563	
Toronto	19	27	.410	
New Jersey	10	41	.244	
Golden State	10	39	.204	
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	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	31	17	.646	
San Antonio	32	16	.667	
Clippers	23	24	.489	
Golden State	23	24	.489	

Friday's games				
Indiana 95, Dallas 90				
Philadelphia 103, Atlanta 85				
Portland 119, Minnesota 100				
Boston 116, New York 103				
Golden State 105, New Orleans 82				
Detroit at New Jersey				
Atlanta at Atlanta				
Milwaukee at Washington				
Orlando at Cleveland				
Golden State at Denver				
New York at Phoenix				
Charlotte at Seattle				

Sacramento at Portland Sunday's games				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas at Toronto	23	18	.561	
Clippers at Philadelphia	22	17	.563	
Lakers at Houston	22	17	.563	
Indiana at Washington	22	17	.563	
Lakers at Atlanta	22	17	.563	
Golden State at Miami	22	17	.563	
Philadelphia at New Jersey	22	17	.563	
New York at Atlanta	22	17	.563	

Friday Pacers 95, Mavericks 94				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	26	19	.577	
Washington	26	19	.577	
Orlando	22	23	.489	
Charlotte	10	33	.233	
Atlanta	27	20	.571	

Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	38	10	.792	
Phoenix	32	16	.667	
Houston	27	21	.563	
Golden State	27	20	.571	
New Orleans	18	34	.345	
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	33	17	.660	
Minnesota	24	23	.511	
Portland	26	20	.565	
Utah	19	26	.420	
Oklahoma City	13	32	.291	
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
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Arenas, Nash top candidates for All-Star reserves

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN
The Associated Press

Now that the All-Star starters have been announced, it's time for the 30 NBA coaches to vote for the reserves.

Each coach must select two guards, two forwards, one center and two other players but are not allowed to vote for members of their own teams. Results will be announced Tuesday.



The East's starters are Shaquille O'Neal, Grant Hill, Vince Carter, Allen Iverson and LeBron James, while the West starters are Yao Ming, Tim Duncan, Kevin Garnett, Kobe Bryant and Tracy McGrady.

Among the top candidates to be the reserves:

Eastern Conference

Guards: Gilbert Arenas, Washington. The NBA's No. 7 scorer with an average of 24.2 points, he is electrifying to watch with his uncanny knack for finding lanes to the basket combined with his ability to beat teams from outside (104 three-pointers).

Dwayne Wade, Miami. A virtual lock to be a first-time All-Star, he is the most exciting player to

watch on the Eastern Conference's best team.

Steve Francis, Orlando. There's no leaving out this three-time All-Star who has led a post-McGrady resurgence.

Kirk Hinrich, Chicago. The comparisons to John Stockton are starting to seem justified for the savvy playmaker who has led the Bulls to 12 victories in 15 games.

Chauncey Billups and Richard Hamilton, Detroit. The defending

NBA champions have one of the league's best backcourts, but their similar numbers (Billups averages 16.5 points and 6.5 assists; Hamon 20.4 and 4.2) might make it hard for voters to choose one over the other.

Forwards: Jermaine O'Neal, Indiana. Fans chose Hill over O'Neal by a mere 65,000 votes, but the conference's most versatile low-post scorer should garner all 14 votes from the coaches.

Antawn Jamison, Washington. One of the league's best inside-outside threats, he's averaging 20.6 points and 8.2 rebounds.

Drew Gooden, Cleveland. Has proven to be a more than adequate replacement for Carlos Boozer, averaging 14.9 points and 9.7 rebounds for the Cavaliers.

Rasheed Wallace, Detroit. He could take away votes from Gooden and Jamison if coaches reward his role in helping the Pistons to last year's championship.

Centers: Zydrunas Ilgauskas, Cleveland. His experience, his team's success and his averages of 16.8 points might earn him a chance to improve on his only All-Star appearance.

Ben Wallace, Detroit. The league's No. 2 rebounder and No. 3 shot-blocker will be hard to pass over.

Western Conference

Guards: Steve Nash, Phoenix. The question isn't whether he's an All-Star, it's whether he's the MVP. Nash is one of only two guards ranked among the top 20 in field goal percentage (51.7).

Mike Bibby, Sacramento. Has developed into one of the steady backup players, a perfect initiator for Sacramento.

Manu Ginobili, San Antonio. Ginobili's scoring average of 15.9 points, along with his 49 percent shooting, make him a worthy candidate to be the only first-time All-Star from the West.

Ray Allen, Seattle. The game's best pure outside shooter seems a good bet to make his fifth All-Star appearance, especially given his average of 24.0 points.

Corey Maggette, L.A. Clippers. Wouldn't be fair to leave out a player who's averaged a team-high 21.1 points.

Forwards: Amare Stoudemire, Phoenix. It has been a breakout season for the 2003 rookie of the year, thanks in large part to the ability of Nash to set him up.

Dirk Nowitzki, Dallas. No chance the West's coaches will overlook the 7-foot German averaging 26.6 points (third in the NBA behind Iverson and Bryant) and 9.9 rebounds.

Shawn Marion, Phoenix. Will be interesting to see if the tight field squeezes out a player averaging 19.4 points and 10.9 rebounds, and who also has more steals (103) than anyone in the league.

Peja Stojakovic and Chris Webber, Sacramento. Ben are having strong seasons, but this could be another case of players' recent injuries giving coaches an excuse to leave them off their ballots.

Center: Brad Miller, Sacramento. His numbers (15.2 points, 9.3 rebounds, 3.7 assists) make a case that he'd be a more worthy starter than Yao (18.1, 8.4, 0.8).

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Super Bowl encore?



AP photos

Quarterbacks Tom Brady of New England (left) and Donovan McNabb of Philadelphia (right) are under 28 years old, one of many reasons the Patriots and Eagles might revisit the Super Bowl soon.

Patriots, Eagles are likely in it for the long haul

BY BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — New England Patriots vs. Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl 2005. And 2006. And 2007.

Don't laugh. Both franchises are built to last, as much as any team can last in the topsy-turvy NFL of the salary-cap, free agency era.

Whether the Eagles win their first NFL championship since 1960 on Sunday, or the Patriots become the second team to win three Super Bowls in four years, both will be favorites to win conference titles next season. There is nothing fluky about either franchise.

"We try to use the same formula we use in business," Patriots owner Robert Kraft said. "And the primary thing is to get good people. And when you get good people who have a long-term commitment and share your vision on how you want to do things, then good things can happen."

Such as dominating the NFL in a period in which parity is rampant and 8-8 teams make the playoffs. Not only has Kraft hired the right people — coach Bill Belichick, vice president of player personnel Scott Pioli — but Belichick and Pioli have brought in players who fit perfectly.

That's hardly luck. Sure, they found Tom Brady in the sixth round of the 2000 draft, but they also held onto Brady by keeping four quarterbacks that season, the only team to do so, Pioli said.

And when Drew Bledsoe got hurt in the second game of 2001, in stepped Brady, who has yet to lose a playoff game. New England drafts well, particularly after the first round.

Under the current regime, the Pats have also gotten re-

Teams built to last

The top reasons behind the bright futures of the Patriots and Eagles:



Coaching. New England's Bill Belichick (left) and Philadelphia's Andy Reid (right) are among the NFL's top coaches. Belichick has led the Patriots to three Super Bowls in four seasons while Reid has compiled a 64-32 record in six seasons guiding the Eagles.



Finances. The Patriots and Eagles have stayed well under the NFL salary cap. New England ranked in the bottom one-third in payroll this season; Philadelphia enters next season \$18 million under the cap. Each team has built stadiums in the past three years to generate greater revenue.



Attitude. Players on each team are devoted to the team-first philosophy, exemplified by New England's Troy Brown (left). The 12-year veteran who caught 281 passes from 2000-02, played extensively at cornerback this season and finished the regular season with 17 receptions.



Youth. Several of each team's best players, like Philadelphia RB Brian Westbrook (left) and New England QB Tom Brady (right) are young. Westbrook is 25 years old and Brady is 27.



Structure. Eagles owner Jeff Lurie (left) and Patriots owner Robert Kraft (right) have constructed model NFL franchises. Both hired top-notch executives, do not meddle in personnel matters and are deeply committed to winning.



ceiver David Givens, center Dan Koppen, cornerback Asante Samuel and defensive lineman Jarvis Green in the fourth round or lower. In the second round have come starters Matt Light, Deion Branch and Eugene Wilson.

The Patriots search for a specific kind of player in the draft and, especially, in free agency. They always seem to find them: versatile, unselfish and eager to prove themselves.

"The system is a system that a player has to be selfless, have to be extremely competitive because of the very competitive environment, and it takes a lot of discipline," Pioli said. "When you talk about discipline, it's not about how long their hair is, or how much jewelry they wear. We have certain expectations of guys being in the right place at the right time and doing their job a certain way."

That's also where the versatility comes into play. So star receiver Troy Brown can become a nickel back. Linebackers Willie McGinest, Tedy Bruschi and Mike Vrabel can pop up anywhere on the field. Five receivers fit into the passing game, and Brady seems comfortable throwing to any of them.

When Belichick sought a running back to balance the offense, the Patriots traded for Corey Dillon, who was labeled a malcontent in Cincinnati. It turned out Dillon's problem was dealing with all the losing the Bengals do. As a Patriot, he set a team rushing record and could be a key against the Eagles.

New England is facing the possibility of losing kicker Adam Vinatieri, receiver David Patten and guard Joe Andruzzi as free agents. Add to that list cornerback Ty Law, whose 2005 salary cap hit is a prohibitive \$12.5 million.

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